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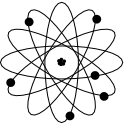
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## IRAN NUCLEAR SANCTIONS 'UNLIKELY'

*October 28, 2009* BBC News reports: "Further sanctions against Iran over its nuclear plans are unlikely, Russia's top foreign policy aide has said. President Dmitry Medvedev's adviser Sergei Prikhodko said sanctions on Iran 'are unlikely in the near future', according to Russian news agencies. His comments came as Iranian officials said they would respond to a proposal by the UN's nuclear watchdog about exporting uranium on Thursday.

The West fears that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons, but Iran denies this. Tehran says it wants enriched uranium only for civilian use, including energy.

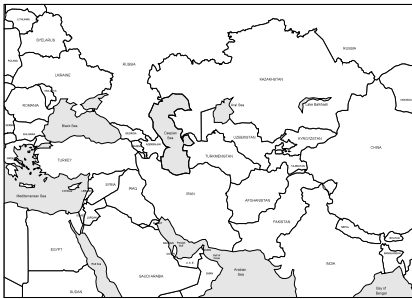


Iran is already subject to UN sanctions, including financial scrutiny and restrictions on arms exports, for enriching uranium at its Natanz plant.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), a UN watchdog, has suggested exporting most of Iran's enriched uranium to Russia and France, where it would be converted into fuel before being returned to Iran. The plan was agreed by the US, Russia and France, after talks in Vienna, but Iran missed a deadline on Friday to respond..."

## RUSSIA, INDIA, CHINA TO FORGE COMMON APPROACH TO GLOBAL ISSUES

*October 28, 2009* Voice of America News reports: "The foreign ministers of India, China and Russia say they are forging a common approach to global issues such as the financial crisis, climate change and security following talks in India. India and China have also held separate discussions in an effort to narrow recent differences that have emerged between the Asian giants.



In a joint statement, India, China and Russia said Tuesday that the pace of development in all three countries has improved despite the recent financial crisis.

The statement was issued following a meeting between the foreign ministers of the three countries in Bangalore on Tuesday. The ministers said they will work together to ensure global peace and stability. S.M. Krishna is India's foreign minister.

'We have also agreed that trilateral action against terrorism and transnational crime will provide stability and all round development,' Krishna said"

The statement said the three countries took the threat of "global warming" seriously, and will work for a successful outcome to the U.N. emissions conference in Copenhagen later this year. All three countries are among the top polluters in the world.

The three countries say they have found common ground on global issues. Chinese foreign minister Yang Jeichi said that new threats such as terrorism, climate change and energy security have becoming increasingly pressing.

Yang says China, India and Russia are all major emerging countries, and have the same or similar positions on major international and regional issues."..."

## AHMADINEJAD: 'ZIONIST REGIME IS A THREAT TO ALL NATIONS'

*October 27, 2009* The Jerusalem Post reports: " 'The Zionist regime is a threat to all nations ... it cannot tolerate the existence of any strong country in the region,' said Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday, according to Teheran news agency Press TV.

Ahmadinejad spoke after welcoming Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who arrived in Teheran Tuesday for a two-day visit. Iran's president reportedly suggested that if Turkey and Iran 'reinforce their unity, they will overcome serious threats and make use of opportunities in favor of their own nations.'

Ahmadinejad also lashed out at Israel, which is believed to have nuclear weapons, saying that when an 'illegal regime has atomic weapons, it's impossible to block others' from having peaceful nuclear energy.

The Iranian leader was echoing statements voiced by Erdogan in the Guardian on Monday, accusing the five permanent Security Council members of hypocrisy. While these countries put pressure on Iran, which does not have 'a weapon,' he said, they themselves keep nuclear arsenals for military purposes.

During the Guardian interview, Erdogan also referred to reports saying Israel or other Western countries were planning to carry out what he termed a 'crazy' attack against Iran in lieu of sanctions or negotiations.

'On the one hand you say you want global peace, on the other hand you are going to have such a destructive approach to a state which has 10,000 years of history. It is not correct,' he was quoted as saying"..."

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## **JAPAN SHOOTS DOWN MISSILE IN TEST OFF HAWAII**

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*October 29, 2009* SpaceWar.com reports: "Japanese naval forces successfully shot down a medium-range missile off Hawaii in a test of Tokyo's missile defense weaponry, the US military said on Wednesday. A Japanese destroyer detected, tracked and knocked out the missile in mid-flight with an SM-3 interceptor rocket, the US Missile Defense Agency (MDA) said in a statement.

The missile was launched on Tuesday at 6:00 pm Hawaii time (0400 GMT) at a missile range site off Kauai in Hawaii and at 6:04, an SM-3 interceptor was fired in response, the MDA said.

'Approximately three minutes later, the SM-3 successfully intercepted the target approximately 100 miles (160 kilometers) above the Pacific Ocean,' it said.

The test, carried out in cooperation with the US Navy and the MDA, marked the third time Japanese Self-Defense forces had successfully knocked out a ballistic missile in a test. The Japanese ship in the exercise is equipped with the Aegis radar system, which tracks the incoming missile and directs the interceptor to the target. The destroyer will be loaded with additional SM-3 interceptors before heading back to Japan, the statement said.

Japan has sought to bolster its missile defenses in the face of the threat posed by North Korea's missile and nuclear programs..."

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## **SYRIA: ISRAEL WANTS TO DESTROY AL-AQSA MOSQUE**

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*October 26, 2009* YnetNews.com reports: "The Syrian Foreign Ministry has denounced Israel's 'blatant violation of the sanctity of al-Aqsa Mosque,' following the recent wave of riots in Jerusalem. In an official statement released Monday, the ministry said that '(Damascus) believes the Israeli security forces' invasion of al-Aqsa was part of Israel's scheme to Judaize Jerusalem and destroy the mosque.'

A Syrian news agency further quoted the official as saying Israel's actions were 'a crime against Arab history and heritage and against Muslims' holy places.'

The official expressed his support and gratitude to the 'brave men' who rallied to the compound's defense, and urged the international community to denounce Israel's actions..."

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## **TURKEY COULD INVADE INDEPENDENT KURDISTAN**

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*October 28, 2009* Middle East Newline reported: "The United States expects Turkey to invade Iraq to stop the establishment of an independent Kurdish state. A U.S. government report said Ankara could attack any nascent Kurdish state in northern Iraq. The Congressional Research Service said an independent Kurdistan would also threaten Turkish relations with the United States..."

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## **NO MEN OR WOMEN NEEDED: SCIENTISTS CREATE SPERM AND EGGS FROM STEM CELLS**

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*October 29, 2009* MailOnline.com reported: "Human eggs and sperm have been grown in the laboratory in research which could change the face of parenthood. It paves the way for a cure for infertility and could help those left sterile by cancer treatment to have children who are biologically their own.

But it raises a number of moral and ethical concerns. These include the possibility of children being born through entirely artificial means, and men and women being sidelined from the process of making babies.

Opponents argue that it is wrong to meddle with the building blocks of life and warn that the advances taking place to tackle infertility risk distorting and damaging relations between family members.

The U.S. government-funded research also offers the prospect of a 'miracle pill' which staves off the menopause, allowing women to wait longer to have a child.

It centres on stem cells, widely seen as a repair kit for the body. Scientists at Stanford University in California found the right cocktail of chemicals and vitamins to coax the cells into becoming eggs and sperm.

The sperm had heads and short tails and are thought to have been mature enough to fertilise an egg. The eggs were at a much earlier stage but were still much more developed than any created so far by other scientists..."

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## **EU LEADERS FAIL TO AGREE ON CLIMATE AID FIGURE**

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*October 29, 2009* The Associated Press reported: "European Union leaders say the bloc has so far failed to agree on how much aid to offer to poorer nations in global climate deal. The host of an EU leaders' summit, Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, said "on climate, we are not ready yet. ... We have not solved it."

EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso says he is "confident that a solution will be found" in the second day of the EU summit Friday.

Barroso urged countries to agree on a figure to keep the EU in the forefront of efforts to fight global warming. He said Thursday financing to help developing nations deal with and fight global warming is "very important" to a global deal at U.N. talks in Copenhagen in December aimed at replacing the 1997 Kyoto Protocol."

