

Target Iran

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has yet again delivered a speech. The occasion that solicited this speech was a ceremony called Khashen Mikonam, or Grand Conference of Iranians Living Abroad.

British politician and supporter of the regime, George Galloway, was also present on the occasion. The ceremony began with balmy statements by 'patriotic doctors and engineers' who have finally realized that 'no other land but motherland deserved their expertise and loyalty'. They said they were pleasantly surprised to see Ahmadinejad's achievements to make Iran a success. On his turn, addressing the ceremony, Ahmadinejad said there was no other country in the world as free and as successful as Iran. He challenged US President Obama for a TV-duel. 'We even asked George Bush for a TV-duel. But he refused,' he told the audience. 'I am ready to sit with Obama in media's presence. I dare. Obama can even bring his advisors along if he to,' he added. In September he will dash to New York. Hence, ahead of this trip, he stated his real message: 'We are ready to hold Talks with top level US administration. I am ready to sit with Obama and talk like a man talks to another man. We will not cheat any one.' Ahmadinejad in the past would invoke Islam. Nowadays, he resorts to nationalist phraseology as the world tightens noose around Iran's neck. Sanctions have been imposed and the USA is hinting at military solutions even if it would set the whole region afire. Reacting to these threats, Sipah (Iran's religious-military force), has threatened to destroy Persian Gulf thus depriving everybody a passage through this strategically important channel. 'Gulf for all or none,' said a Sipah spokesman.

Privatization as solution to Economic Sanctions:

Hard hit by economic crisis and massive class differences, Iran is indeed being taxed by the curbs. In a country where people are dependent upon gasoline, oil prices have shot up. According to authorities' own figures, jobless is setting new records. To finance the budget deficit, privatization drive has been accelerated. At least 12 power stations have been offered for auction. As Iran is being threatened by NATO and Israel, China and Russia have withdrawn their support for Iran. Meantime, the USA, Japan and EU have told Ahmadinejad that they would not tolerate Iran's nuclear ambitions. Ahmadinejad recently told the media, 'we will punish west for the sanctions and we will put new conditions for talks to settle the dispute regarding nuclear enrichment.' Meantime, head of country's nuclear program has announced to build new nuclear reactors. Canadian writer and academician Michel Chossudovsky in his latest article on [globalresearch.ca](#) titled 'World War III, Target Iran' has given deadly warnings. He claims that the USA will initiate World War III by attacking Iran and eventually target China as well as Russia. He, however, has not cited any sources for his thesis.

Soon after Ahmadinejad's challenge to Obama, five jailed Iranian journalists have also asked Ahmadinejad for a TV-duel monitored by media persons. Amid all this, a struggle for rights goes on despite execution orders routinely given for prisoners of conscience as well others. At Evin prison, 17 prisoners of conscience have started a hunger strike. Outside the jail, their relatives have also

started a hunger strike in solidarity. Exile Iranians, all over the world, also went on days of hunger strike in solidarity.

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