

Voice of America

Trusted Source of News & Information since 1942

Search



10 July 2009

Today from VOA: Mosques in Riot-Stricken Town ■ New GM Emerges From Bankruptcy ■ Israel: Iran Will I

VOA Home | Regions/Topics | Video | Programs | English Learning

Live Streams: Latest Newscast | Africa Live | Global Live

News in 45 Languages

Select Language

News

U.S.A.

Africa

Americas

Asia

Europe

Middle East

Features

Health & Science

Econ & Business

Entertainment

American Life

News Analysis

Special Reports

Pronunciation Guide

Interactive

T2A Chat

My VOA Community

YouTube

Facebook

Israel: Iran Will Be Destroyed if It Launches Nuclear Attack

By Robert Berger
Jerusalem
10 July 2009

Israel has warned Iran of catastrophic consequences if it attacks the Jewish state with weapons of mass destruction.

Israel's national security advisor says Iran will be destroyed if it dares to launch a nuclear attack on the Jewish state. In an interview published Friday in the Hebrew daily Ha'aretz, Uzi Arad said Israel must have "tremendously powerful" weapons to deter or retaliate for a nuclear strike. That seemed to be a clear reference to Israel's reported nuclear arsenal, though it has never admitted to having nuclear weapons. Arad described a nuclear Iran as a "nightmare for Israel."



Benjamin Netanyahu, 25 Mar 2009

In a speech last week, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that a nuclear Iran is not only a threat to Israel, but also to Western civilization.

"The greatest danger facing our world today is if the world's worst regimes acquire the world's most dangerous weapons," he said. "For the sake of peace, for the sake of our common security, for the sake of our common values this must not be allowed to happen."

Iran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes. But Israel is convinced that Iran is developing nuclear weapons and could use them to carry out its threat to wipe the Jewish state "off the map." Israel has warned that if international diplomacy fails, it might launch a preemptive strike on Iran's nuclear facilities.

E-mail Print

Digg Yahoo Buzz Facebook del.icio.us StumbleUpon

Berger report Download (MP3)

Berger report Listen (MP3)

E-mail This Article

Print Version

Related Stories

- Top US Military Officer Sees 'Narrow Window' to Stop Iran's Nuclear Program
Iran's Supreme Leader Blasts Alleged 'Western Meddling' in Iran
US Vice President Backs Israel's Right to Preemptive Military Action

Top Story

- Obama Ends Ghana Visit

More Stories

- Obama Addresses Africans from Ghana
Iraqi Shi'ite Lawmakers Protest British Troop Extension
Iranian Foreign Minister Says Tehran Preparing 'Package' for West
China Rushing Supplies to Quake-Hit Zone
Thousands Remember Europe's Worst Massacre Since World War II
Pakistan: Trial of Mumbai Attackers to

Twitter
Shows
Shows by Name
In Focus
Music Mix
Editorials
Web Services
Podcasts
RSS News Feeds
Mobile
Webcasts
Subscribe E-mail Newsletter

[Start Next Week](#)

- [Reports: New Evidence Points to N. Korean in Cyber Attacks](#)
- [Mugabe Calls For Unity; Slams Western Nations](#)
- [Report: Bush Administration Surveillance Program Legally Questionable](#)
- [New York Times: Bush Team Discouraged Probe of Mass Taliban Deaths](#)
- [Honduras Talks End with No Agreement](#)
- [US Braced for H1N1 Swine Flu Return](#)
- [Gary in Indiana Hosts Michael Jackson Memorial](#)
- [Republic of Congo to Hold Presidential Election](#)

[Subscribe to VOA Email News](#)

[H1N1 News](#)



VOANews: [News](#) | [Programs](#) | [Learning English](#) | [About VOA](#)

Web Services: [Podcasts](#) | [News Feeds](#) | [Mobile](#) | [Webcasts](#) | [Subscribe E-Newsletter](#)

About VOANews.com: [Terms of Use & Privacy Notice](#) | [Broadcasting Board of Governors](#) | [Link to Us](#) | [Site Map](#) | [FAQs](#) | [Contact VOANews](#) | [Job Opportunities](#)