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## Obama warns Iran on confrontation, says nuke intel is 'solid'

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Following up on the earlier condemnation of Iran, President Obama said Tehran is "going to have to come clean" about its nuclear program and warned the Islamic republic not to go down a path that would lead to confrontation.



Obama said at a news conference that although he prefers a diplomatic solution, he was not ruling out military action. He added that the intelligence about the underground nuclear-fuel facility is "solid" and that the disclosure "raised grave doubts" about Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's statements that the nuclear program is for civilian purposes only.

"When we find that diplomacy does not work, we will be in a much stronger position to, for example, apply sanctions that have bite," Obama said. "That's not the preferred course of action. I would love nothing more than to see Iran choose the responsible path."

Earlier, Obama received support from the leaders of Britain and France.

"We will not let this matter rest," said British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who accused Iran of "serial deception."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Iran had until December to comply with demands for a fuller accounting of its program or face new sanctions.

The head of Iran's nuclear program, Ali Akbar Salehi, suggested that U.N. inspectors would be allowed to visit the site. He described the facility as "a semi-industrial plant for enriching nuclear fuel" that is not yet complete, according to the state news agency IRNA. He provided no other details.

The revelation of a second nuclear facility drew a response from Capitol Hill. Democrat Evan Bayh of Indiana, Republican Jon Kyl of Arizona and Independent Joe Lieberman of Connecticut issued a statement condemning Iran.

"Given Iran's consistent pattern of deceit, concealment and bad faith, the only way to force Iran to abandon its nuclear ambitions is to make absolutely clear to the regime in Tehran that its current course will carry catastrophic consequences," the senators said. "We must leave no doubt that we are prepared to do whatever it takes to stop Iran's nuclear breakout."

*(President Obama answers questions during a news conference at the end of the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh. Photo by Charles Dharapak, AP.)*

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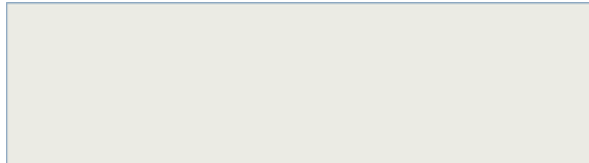
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**bigblue** (26 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4h 45m ago  
talk talk talk.

Iran will be addressing the UN about peace, and at the same time hitting the "nuke the world" button in his jacket pocket.

What else is Iran hiding? Perhaps they are just giving up the minor nuke areas (to keep the UN quiet) while keeping the rest of their facilities hidden.

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"Tehran is going to have to come clean", he says. Remember when he said you wanted to make friends with terrorists and break bread with them? That's "coming clean"..

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Iran humiliated us during the Jimma Carter years, and I'm sure they perceive BHO to be about as intimidating as a southern peanut farmer.

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so how is that Mr. Nice Guy and all around apologist working for you President Obama??

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Maybe Obama should invite Ahmadinejad to the White House for a beer. That would certainly be diplomatic and if that fails don't allow them to import any of our American made stuff...wait, we don't make anything anymore thanks to the environmental nut jobs. We're in alot of trouble.

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**Marty Jarvy** (17 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 9m ago  
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You are correct, and the time is ripe, especially now that we have the Russians pressuring them as well.

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**Marty Jarvy** (17 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 16h 9m ago  
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**PCB** (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 31m ago

Because there are those of us who do not support our president -and why would we considering all the damage he's done in less than a year - it does not make us less patriotic. In fact, it makes us more so. We love our country and want to see it return to the same dignity and values it possessed in times past.

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And what WERE those times past? The Reagan years? No Iran-Contra scandals then. The Nixon years? Scandal free. The GHW Bush years? I kinda liked him, but lived overseas at the time. The GW Bush years? I didn't want to be here OR over seas during those embarrassing years. Where do we have to go for dignity and values? Would Woodrow Wilson do for you?

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**Thewiseone** (130 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4h 37m ago

So it is more solid than the threat assessment reports two years ago which you ridiculed as being trumped up by the Bush administration. Barry your ignorance and lack of honesty is really becoming an daily joke around the world.

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When did that happen? Post a link, as I can't find that.

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