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Iran: Nuclear Weapons and the UN

Well, we have been telling you about these new exclusive images inside of Iran that suggests a significant construction at several of that country's nuclear sites is ongoing and from what the International Atomic Energy Agency's new resolution says, that is the IAEA, Iran has not been exactly cooperating with the investigation into its nuclear program. Joining me now is Fox News foreign affairs analyst, and former US representative of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, is Alireza Jafarzadeh, also Fox News foreign affairs analyst, Mansoor Ijaz.



Rick Folbaum: Gentlemen, welcome to both of you. Let me start with you Alireza, what do these pictures tell you?

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Certainly, let me clarify something Rick for you first. On the image related to Natanz, that you saw some buildings first and then the next picture it doesn't show anything. This is the site that I first revealed in August of 2002, and these three buildings that you see are actually underground buildings. These are huge halls, each of them 32,000 square meters that is supposed to hold about 50,000 centrifuge machines. It has some 8 feet thick concrete walls for protection against air strikes.

Rick Folbaum: Let me interrupt you for just one second. We have such a limited time; I just want to ask both of you real quickly. Mansoor, are they building nuclear weapons in Iran? Is that what these pictures show you?

Mansoor Ijaz: No question about that. They have already got all the pieces of the weaponry. The only thing that remains is their political decision on when to assemble the device. They have the bomb fuel, they have the bomb casings, they got those from the Pakistanis, and they got the detonation switches from the Pakistani clandestine network that we broke up earlier this year. There is no question at all that they have got their weapons capacity to build it. And it is just a matter of time before they test one of these weapons.

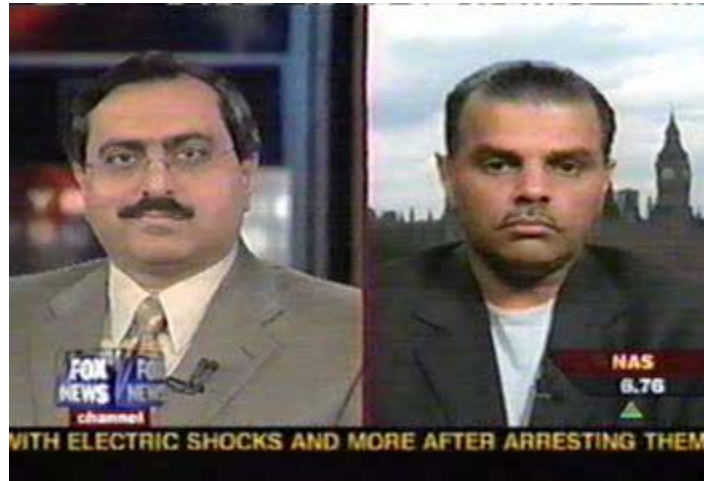
Rick Folbaum: OK, so more questions on the story out of Iran and the satellite images. Our guests will stay with us, and we will be right back after these messages.



Rick Folbaum: Back to the story about the Fox News exclusive satellite images showing the nuclear facilities that are being built, that are under construction in Iran, Fox News foreign affairs analyst, former US representative of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, Alireza Jafarzadeh is here, also Fox News foreign affairs analyst, Mansoor Ijaz. Alireza, we have been down this road before with rogue nations that have weapon capability, they get caught, condemned by the world community and they ignored the condemnations. Is that the road we are headed down again?

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Unfortunately, this was the case; I think this IAEA resolution had really no teeth in it. Iran was in non-compliance long ago, they should have been referred to the United Nation's Security Council, and serious sanctions should have been imposed. I think what we should do is tightening screws on Iran, both on the IAEA side but also on the political side. We need to step up support for the opposition, the groups who want to bring about change there, and also be very harsh on them in their meddling in Iraq, and make sure they don't get away with this very sophisticated nuclear weapons program. This is very serious.

Rick Folbaum: Mansoor, Alireza mentioned this pro democracy group that we know it is a very large faction of the mainly young Iranians, we don't want to jeopardize their efforts there but how much power do they have, they control any thing there?



Mansoor Ijaz: I can tell you that mullahs are worried enough that they spend a lot of time trying to keep these guys off the streets, going to the extend of even interfering for example even in football/soccer matches where people get very excited and there is going to be a large crowd outside of stadium, and so forth. They do every thing they can to try to interfere with that, but that isn't really the way to handle the mullahs right now. What we need to do is to get the international community together on one platform, which I think we are very close to doing now, and get them to essentially exert economic pressure on them by either freezing their assets in the countries like Germany and France, and even in the United States and other places like that. And then, imposing economic sanctions against them, which would dramatically shift the balance of power as far as the mullahs are concerned. That is something they cannot withstand. They can withstand a lot of other things but they cannot withstand this.

Rick Folbaum: So you both agree on the need for sanctions, Alireza Jafarzadeh and Mansoor Ijaz. Gentleman, thank you so much.

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Thank you.