

Resolution against sanctions and war on Iran

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There are indications that a military attack on Iran has been planned and could be executed before George Bush leaves the office in 2008 and that this military attack would target Iranian military, economic and civilian infrastructure and might include the use of tactical nuclear strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities.

The following universities have passed a motion¹ opposing an attack on Iran: Sussex, SOAS, Cranfield, Leeds, Essex, Middlesex and UWE. Other motions have also been passed across other countries, United States of America, in particular.

Imperial College Union Notes

The National Intelligence Estimate, (NIE), has reported that Iran halted its nuclear programme in 2003 and has not activated it since.

The IAEA has found no evidence of a weaponisation programme in Iran and the US intelligence agency, the NIE, has estimated that Iran would be at least 10 years away from obtaining a nuclear weapon should it decide to follow this path. However, the US, supported by the UK and France, are persisting that Iran cease Uranium enrichment together with the know-how, or face more sanctions, with the military option kept ominously open.

Over a million people died as a result of sanctions on Iraq.

As tragically evidenced in Iraq, sanctions against Iran hurt ordinary people, damage their economic and civil institutions and are prelude to war.

That the NUS is affiliated to Stop the War Coalition.

Imperial College Union Believes

Given the high probability of an illegal pre-emptive US/Israeli military attack against Iran, on false pretexts similar to those used to justify the invasion of Iraq, and the prospect of political and logistical support from the British government for such an attack, Stop The War conscious of catastrophic consequences for the people of Iran and region, and the unforeseeable global ramifications of such an attack, will allocate resources to lobby MPs, challenge media distortions on Iran and mobilise support for the following resolution in the student union.

All the completely discredited accusations of supporting terrorism, links to AlQaida and clandestine WMD programme, used to make the case for war on Iraq, are now being used against Iran.

As the nuclear accusations are losing credibility, in a shift of focus, the US has been systematically attempting to implicate Iran in Iraq, to justify an extension of the war across the border into Iran.

Iran's nuclear issue should be returned from the Security Council to the IAEA and resolved through the negotiations and not sanctions or war.

Sanctions, foreign interference, destabilisation programme and any military intervention or its threat are greatly harmful to the cause of human rights, democratic rights and the civil society organisation in Iran and have therefore been opposed by the leaders of the vibrant democracy movement inside the country.

People who are asset to Imperial College London both financially and academically, will face cease of funds, and thus be faced to withdraw from their studies.

Imperial College Union Resolves

To demand from Imperial College London to:

- 1) To support and build the International Day of Action on March 15th that has 'Don't Attack Iran' as a central demand.
- 2) To facilitate distribution of publicity for the demonstration and to support Imperial Stop the War group in their meeting which calls for no attack on Iran.
- 3) Support the IAEA- Iran work plan.
- 4) Publicly oppose the military option against Iran or further sanctions.
- 5) Prevent any discrimination against current and new Iranian students- admitting any students from Iran/ Iranian students.
- 6) To raise awareness amongst students of the issues surrounding economic sanctions on Iran.
- 7) For members of executive and council to write to the Lords, local MPs etc urging them to support the lifting of all non-military sanctions and encourage other members of the union to do so also.
- 8) To work with NUS and M&M in informing students of actions we are taking.
- 9) To campaign against the non-military sanctions imposed on Iran.
- 10) To (maintain) support for the Stop the War Coalition and their efforts to prevent any attack or non-military sanctions on Iran.
- 11) To sign the pledge to take action against escalation towards an attack on Iran, and for such action to include occupations.
- 12) In the case of an attack, to provide full support for demonstrations.

Reference and notes to the proposer (Jan 2008)

- 1) [Society and citizenship](#)

In regards to point 3): <http://www.payvand.com/news/08/jan/1022.html>- Dutch Universities Rejecting Iranian Students due to "Nuclear Threat".