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## IAEA says Iran is no help at all

IranTimes: The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) indicated frustration with the lack of cooperation it is receiving from the Islamic Republic. In its quarterly report on Iran, the IAEA tone indicated frustration and suggested Tehran was stonewalling the UN agency. But, as usual, the report was phrased in diplomatic language and Iran was never directly criticized. Last month, the IAEA said Iran had agreed to turn over a new leaf and provide information on the remaining open questions, which mainly have to do with allegations Iran has conducted tests and studies related directly to the making of nuclear warheads. IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei said at the time that he expected to have the remaining questions resolved before the end of May. But the report indicates that nothing has been solved and no questions have been answered. The report says that Iran continues simply to deny engaging in such military work and to dismiss the evidence assembled by the IAEA as fabricated. In Tehran, the regime had the same reaction it has to all IAEA



reports, asserting that they support Iran because they say that the agency has not detected any illegal diversion of nuclear materials, which all the reports do say. But the meat of the report was simply ignored. The report said, "Iran has not provided the Agency with all the information, access to documents and access to individuals necessary to support Iran's statements.... The Agency is of the view that Iran may have additional information, in particular on high explosives testing and missile-related activities, which Iran should share with the Agency."

## Satellite launch put off til late summer

IranTimes: The launch of Iran's first home-made Omid satellite, which was to have occurred this month, will now take place this summer, the Space Organization has announced. Ahmad Talebzadeh, head of the Iranian Space Agency, said Iran would launch two more tests of its planned satellite launcher, the Explorer rocket, before attempting to put the Omid (Hope) satellite into orbit. Iran already has one satellite in orbit, the Sina-1. But that satellite was built and launched by Russia. It was placed in orbit in October 2005. The Omid will be built in Iran and launched by Iran. What it will actually do is unclear. Originally called the Safir-313, it was originally to have been placed in orbit more than three years ago, before Now Ruz in 2005. At that time, the military said it would do nothing but beep signals like the very first satellite launched by the Soviet Union more than a half-century ago. Iran launched what it called the Kavoshgar-1 (Explorer-1) rocket February 4, saying it was a new "sounding rocket" designed to probe the reaches of space and to put satellites into orbit. But American specialists said it was just a modified Shahab-3 missile. While Iranian officials called the Kavoshgar Iran's first sounding rocket, they had actually announced the launching of Iran's first sounding rocket one year earlier in February 2007. The February 2007 first sounding rocket launch was carried out with little fanfare, while the February 2008 first sounding rocket launch was carried out to much fanfare in the state media with President Ahmadi-nejad himself making speeches. Ahmadi-nejad spoke of the launch as a blow to the West, which he said seeks constantly to "humiliate people and nations by making them think they are incompetent. But, the president declared, "No power can overcome the Iranian people's will." At the time of last February's launch, Defense Minister Mostafa Mohammad-Najjar said the Omid satellite would be launched into orbit during the month of Khordad, which began May 21. On Sunday, May 18, however, Talebzadeh said the

launch was planned for the month of Mordad (July 22 to August 21). Talebzadeh outlined a very ambitious program of satellite launches. "The Space Agency tries to produce satellites with specifications that fill national needs," he said. "We need capacities for state communications, television programs and data transmission. We will cover these needs by satellites as do other countries." He implied that Iran would at least build if not launch all those satellites. But that has not been the plan before. Over the years, Iranian officials have described five different Iranian satellite programs:

- Sina-1: This is Iran's first satellite, launched from Russia October 27, 2005. Iran has implied that it designed the satellite. But Russia says Sina was designed and manufactured by the Polyot Design Bureau in Omsk, Russia. The Russians described the Iranian satellite as a research vehicle. Iran has periodically published photos taken by the satellite and transmitted to a ground station at Varamin, south of Tehran. But since the launch, little attention has been paid to Sina, even in Iran, and few claims made for its usefulness. With Sina, Iran became the 43rd country in the world to own a satellite in orbit, putting Iran far behind the pack. Sina was placed in orbit at an altitude of 600 kilometers. The Russian daily Kommersant said one of the cameras on board could see objects as small as 10 feet across, which is very good, although commercial photos from the Ikonos satellite can recognize objects as small as three feet across. But, in November 2005, Talebzadeh said Sina's best camera could only recognize objects 165 feet across. Talebzadeh also said Sina was designed and built entirely by the Russians.

- Zohreh: This is a communication satellite system whose gestation goes back to several years before the revolution, but was dumped with many other programs after the revolution. Iran and Russia finally signed a contract in February 2005 for building and launching the Zohreh

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## Taxpayers without Social Security cards are not getting any rebate checks

IranTimes: When the U.S. Congress passed the economic-stimulus package issuing rebate checks to most taxpayers, it did so with a provision to make sure illegal immigrants didn't get any of the redistributed tax money; the result, however, inadvertently penalized legal, tax-paying U.S. residents, some of whom are Iranian-Americans. One of the provisions Congress was pressured to adhere to by anti-immigration groups resulted in unintentionally penalizing at least a million legal U.S. residents and tens of thousands of U.S. troops stationed abroad solely because their spouses didn't have Social Security numbers. Because illegal immigrants don't have Social Security numbers and instead routinely use "tax identification numbers," Congress did not issue rebates for taxpayers who

used those numbers. If a married couple filed their taxes jointly and one spouse doesn't have a Social Security number, the couple will not receive the \$1,200 rebate check that other couples will receive. In addition, the couple is also ineligible for the \$300 rebate per child. The situation surfaced in late January, after the U.S. House passed the economic stimulus package with the backing of President Bush. But in an effort to prevent illegal immigrants from getting any of the rebate money, anti-illegal immigration groups lobbied the Senate to add the Social Security provision. John Johnston, a spokesman for the Social Security Administration, confirmed the agency's policy is not to issue Social Security

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### Which Religion?

Even though the religious customs are different, worshipping 'GOD ALONE' is the basis and essence of all religions

### Unity of All Religions

Quran 42:13

He decreed for you the same religion decreed for Noah, and what we inspired to you, and what we decreed for Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: "You shall uphold this one religion, and do not divide it."

Mark 10

17: As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

18: "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except GOD ALONE."

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: "The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

Yasna 34:7

Therefore I wish You alone to be my shelter and helper through truth and righteousness.

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