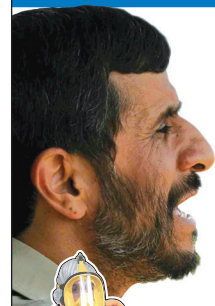


## White House dismisses Iran leader's letter

An 18-page letter from Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to U.S. President Bush has been denounced by the White House as rambling and failing to address international concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions. The surprise letter is the first such communication from an Iranian head of state to an American president since the 1979 hostage crisis



### ■ Nuclear fuel cycle:

Document defends scientific research as

***“one of the basic rights of nations.”***

Ahmadinejad insists Iran is developing techniques for enriching

uranium solely to produce electricity for domestic consumption

### ■ Geopolitics:

Treatise argues generally that globally shared religious values must govern political life

■ **Military threat:** Letter compares U.S.-led invasion of Iraq to current U.S. threats against Iran, suggesting Bush administration lied over existence of weapons of mass destruction to justify war. ***“Later it was revealed that no WMDs existed to begin with”***