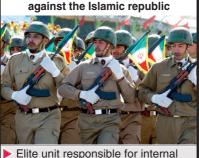
Iran's "terror" force

The United States is moving towards branding Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a "terrorist" organisation, subjecting at least part of the entity to financial sanctions in a new move



- and border security, law enforcement and Iran's missile forces
- ▶ Formed after 1979 revolution as force loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini
 - Exists outside Iran's conventional
 - army, with its own air, naval and land units. **Estimated strength:** 125,000
- U.S. claims Guard is involved in supplying **Shia** militias in Iraq and that U.S. soldiers have been killed by Iranian-made explosive devices

► Iran's current president *Mahmoud Ahmadinejad* was a member during 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war

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