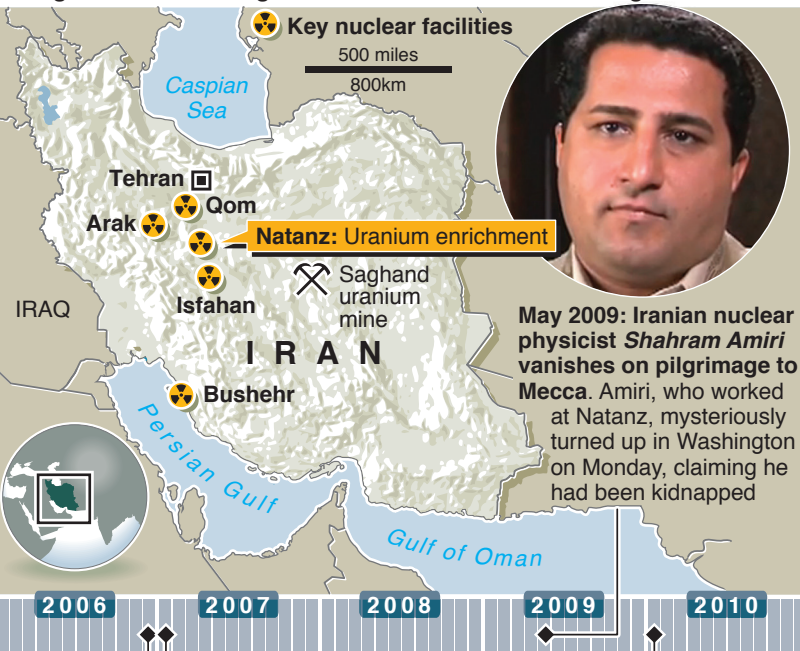


Iran's missing nuclear experts

An Iranian nuclear scientist who appeared in web videos claiming he was being held in the U.S. against his will has now left Washington for Tehran



May 2009: Iranian nuclear physicist *Shahram Amiri* vanishes on pilgrimage to Mecca. Amiri, who worked at Natanz, mysteriously turned up in Washington on Monday, claiming he had been kidnapped

Dec 2006: Iranian deputy defence minister *Alireza Asgari* disappears while visiting Turkey. Described by CIA as "key" source for intelligence on Iran's nuclear programme



Jan 2007: Nuclear physicist *Ardeshtir Hosseinpour*, working at Isfahan, dies by "gassing". Israel's Mossad suspected to be involved in his death



Jan 2010: Nuclear physicist *Masoud Ali-Mohammadi* assassinated in Tehran. Iranian opposition claims he was killed before he could defect

