

## IRAN's Nuclear Capabilities

### INTELLIGENCE

The National Terror Alert Response Center reported that Israeli insiders said the test/quake was actually the second in a series. Nine days ago, a 4.8 Richter scale event occurred, with its epicenter only five kilometers away from the weekend tremor.

In addition, one Israel Insider source reports that two nuclear rockets are currently ready - and are intended for use against Israel in the coming months.

If the report is correct, it would belie previous speculation that Iran would not begin nuclear testing until it had more nuclear-weapons production capability.

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Washington, 30 October (IranVNC)—An intelligence report obtained today by the Associated Press says that Iran has recently tested methods of recovering highly enriched uranium from waste reactor fuel, a covert attempt to expand its controversial nuclear program.

[http://iranvnc.com/en/floater\\_article/3/5671](http://iranvnc.com/en/floater_article/3/5671)

(IsraelINN.com) A weekend 5.0 Richter earthquake in Iran was actually a nuclear bomb test, says an Iranian nuclear scientist claiming to be working on the project.

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**SUMMARY:** Seismic activity was detected within the borders of Iran this past weekend. The 5.0 Richter scale event was first thought to be an earthquake. Multiple sources are not reporting the seismic event was actually an underground detonation of a nuclear devices. The report was said to come from comments made by an Iranian nuclear scientist that is thought to be working on the project. The report goes on state that the nuclear scientist (source) claims to be working in uranium enrichment for the project, and who said that the “quake” was actually an underground nuclear bomb test.



This past Saturday night, southern Iran experienced what was reported as a significant earthquake - a seismic event measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale. Its epicenter was just north of the strategic Straits of Hormuz, which separates Iran from Abu Dhabi and Oman and which is the gateway to the Persian Gulf.

The geographical location of the test has several unique advantages for clandestine activities thus as this. It routinely experiences significant seismic activity, which could serve to hide nuclear tests. It is also believed to be close to what many intelligence agencies believe to be Iran's nuclear development facility. If that is true, the delivery and transport of material and personnel is easily accomplished through the Hormuz Strait and Iranian enemies would hesitate to bomb the area because that would threaten the flow of a substantial percentage of the world's oil.

This came on the heels of the United Nations' call for transparency by Iran in regards to their nuclear program. If Iran's controversial nuclear program is solely for peaceful purposes as they claim, the United Nations' top nuclear guardian then asks, why does Tehran refuse to answer questions about possible undeclared nuclear materials and alleged research into nuclear weapons design?

“I regret that we are still not in a position to achieve full clarity regarding the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran,” International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Mohamed ElBaradei said in his annual report to the U.N. General Assembly October 28. Iran has I argued that the IAEA is exceeding its mandate in demanding answers to these questions.

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