

Iran Accuses NATO Chief Rasmussen Of Warmongering

Iran rejects NATO chief's claims

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The Iranian embassy in Copenhagen has responded to the NATO chief's recent claims about Tehran's nuclear program, calling them "misleading false assumptions".

"The former Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen's Wednesday article, which raised some issues about Iran, was full of misinterpretations, ill-intent, and false accusations about Tehran's peaceful nuclear and missile activities," the embassy said in a statement.

"He, like others who seek any opportunity to spread their warmongering views, has one again resorted to preconceptions, lies and deception," it added.

The embassy also said that the NATO chief was making such accusations against Iran, because of his close relationship with former US and British leaders, George W. Bush and Tony Blair, "the architects of the wars on Iraq and Afghanistan."

In his article, which was published on April 1, the secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization accused Iran of concealing its nuclear facilities.

He also claimed that Iran has rejected "all offers of co-operation from the US, European Union, and others," while announcing "plans to enrich its uranium to levels that appear incompatible with civilian use."

In its statement, the embassy responded to the points raised by Rasmussen, arguing that "constantly, and especially during the past seven years," the Iranian nuclear program had been under the supervision of UN nuclear watchdog inspectors.

"As these inspectors have not reported any concealed facilities, then how has Rasmussen allowed himself to make such allegations with such conviction?"

The embassy also pointed out what Rasmussen meant by "plans to enrich its uranium to levels that appear incompatible with civilian use" had to be Iran's recent announcement that it was reprocessing nuclear material to a level of 20 percent.

Iran has started 20 percent enrichment to provide fuel for the Tehran Reactor which produces radioisotopes for medical purposes. Nuclear weapon proliferation would require reprocessing to a level of over 80 percent.

According to the embassy, Rasmussen has "deliberately" omitted that fact in his article to

"sway public opinion."

"In his point of view, is medical usage not a peaceful purpose? All these activities are being carried out under the watchful eyes of the International Atomic Energy Agency and its cameras," the statement said.

The embassy also noted offers made to Tehran had so far been nothing but demands for full "surrender" of Iran's legitimate nuclear rights in return for permission to purchase "specified" goods and services from "specified" US and European companies.

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