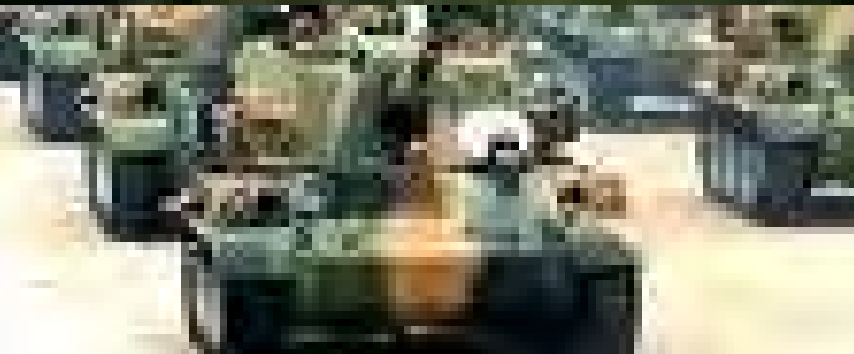


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## Nuclear Standoff: Iran's President Seeks Chinese, Russian Support

At Security Meeting in Shanghai, Iran's President Seeking Support From China, Russia

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, center, is escorted to a car by Chinese officials as he arrives at Shanghai's Pudong airport Wednesday June 14, 2006. Ahmadinejad arrived to attend Thursday's summit of the six-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Ahmadinejad will make a speech at the security summit and his presence is helping to draw unprecedented attention to the annual gathering of the Chinese and Russian-dominated grouping, which also includes Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. (AP Photo/Greg

**TEHRAN, Iran Jun 15, 2006 (AP)**— Iran's hard-line president is doing more than just attending an Asian security summit in China: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad seeks to gain Russian and Chinese support at a critical moment for his country's nuclear program.

He also aims to prove that his country is not isolated, despite U.S. claims to the contrary.

Past trips to Asia have been a chance for Ahmadinejad to tap into anti-U.S. sentiment and tout himself as a leader who is standing up to Washington. Last month, he was cheered by Indonesian students and by a crowd shouting "Fight America! Fight Israel!" outside a Jakarta mosque where he performed prayers.

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# ***Chinese Interest in Middle East***

- **Chinese envoy expresses concern over Gaza situation**

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- Gaza, July 1, (BNA) China's new Envoy to the Peace Operation in the Middle East expressed deep concern over the latest developments, calling the Palestinian and Israeli sides to resort to self control and to refrain from any acts that might further deteriorate the situation.  
In a press conference held after he had met with the Palestinian officials in Ramallah, the Chinese official said the Palestinian side was exerting huge efforts to appease the tension, expressing hope that such efforts will find success so that peace will prevail in the Middle East. He reiterated his country's unflinching support for the legitimate and just causes of the Palestinians and China's support for a peaceful settlement between the Palestinians and the Israelis, through negotiations and on the basis of UN resolutions and the Road Map of the Quartet Committee. On the other hand, former Palestinian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Nasser Al Qidwa said the Chinese official telephoned President Mahmoud Abbas and conveyed to him a verbal message from his Chinese counterpart, Hu Jintao.