

Iran

"We are asking [for money] especially [from] Iran, which is a known long-time supporter of the resistance and the Palestinian cause".

Al-Alam TV (Iran) news report, posted on Wattan TV (independent Palestinian channel), 29/6/2015

"Iran has become the region's foremost military power".

Poster on website of Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei", 4/9/2015 memri

"Israel should be annihilated and this is our ultimate slogan....we reject the existence of any Israeli on this earth."

Hussein Sheikholeslam, a foreign affairs adviser to parliament speaker Ali Larijani, 18/8/2015

"Iran is a greater danger for Muslims than Israel" – Israel Has Not "Massacred The Muslim Population In Iraq, nor It Has Bloodied Rivers With Muslim Blood In Syria".

Pakistani Urdu weekly, 11/5/2015

(memri)

Iran's leader, Achmadinajad, described Israel as a "disgraceful blot" that should be "wiped off the face of the earth".

Chris Macgreal, The Guardian, 27/10/2005

A more literal translation is: "the regime occupying Jerusalem must vanish from the page of time", and this is the translation we should have used (as noted in Corrections and clarifications, 28 July 2007).

Correction issued by the Guardian

"Iran's stance has always been clear on this ugly phenomenon (Israel). We have repeatedly said that this cancerous tumour of a state should be removed from the region".

Sayyid Ali Khamenei, Iranian Supreme Leader, to thousands of Muslim worshippers in Tehran, CNN, 15/12/2000 (copyright Reuters)

"With diminishing support for Israel and with the (upcoming) collapse of the monarchy in Saudi Arabia, there won't be any obstacles left facing Iran with its policy of annihilation of Israel."

*Sadollah Zarei, Editorial in Iran's Keyhan newspaper, May 2012, Israpundit
14/5/2012*

“While we were talking to the Europeans in Tehran, we were installing equipment in Isfahan...By creating a calm environment, we were able to complete the work in Isfahan”.

Hassan Rouhani, Memoirs, 2011 (in Persian), (iranfocus.com, 6/7/2013)

“Today, we cannot say that we want to eliminate the tension between us and the U.S...We should be aware that we can have interactions even with the enemy in such a manner that the grade of its enmity would be decreased, and secondly, its enmity would not be effective”.

Hassan Rouhani, January 2013 (Washington.institute.org/policy-analysis/.../who is Hassan Rouhani?)

“We halted the nuclear programme? We were the ones to complete it. We completed the technology....We only halted the gas supply for those ten centrifuges in Natanz. We finalised the Uranium Conversion Facility....Our centrifuges reached 3000 in Winter 2004”.

Hassan Rouhani, talking about the Tehran Declaration [agreement with the IAEA to suspend all uranium enrichment, 21/10/2003] on Iranian state-run TV IRIB, May 2013

“Israel’s fury [at the UN] makes us happy....this fury is a result of Iran getting stronger, while Israel’s power diminishes”.

Hassan Rouhani, 25/9/2013 (Jerusalemonline, 2/10/2013)

"The result of these talks is that the 5+1, or in other words the world powers, have officially recognized Iran's nuclear rights... The text states explicitly that Iran will continue to enrich [uranium].

President Rouhani, press conference 24/11/2013 (MEMRI TV)

"The absolute achievements of this initial agreement are official recognition of Iran's nuclear rights, and preservation of the nuclear achievements of the sons of this nation."

President Rouhani, letter to Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, 24/11/2013 (MEMRI)

"After ten years, we have emerged victorious over the West. They wanted to prevent us from acquiring nuclear technology, but we have reached that

point....Now we have emerged victorious heroes. It was in our best interest to sign this agreement."

Alaeddin Boroujerdi, chairman of the Iranian Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Policy and National Security, Al-Alam TV, 25/11/2013 (MEMRI)

(The Geneva) "deal means the surrender of big powers before the great nation of Iran."

President Rouhani, in a speech in Iran (IBTimes, 15/1/2013)

"Iran will decide the level of enrichment according to its needs for different purposes. We have always said we will not allow anyone to determine our needs."

Mohammad Javad Zarif, Iranian Foreign Minister, 29/1//2013