

Can Iran Be Deterred?

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Deterrence Discussed Openly?

- ❖ Deterrence is inherently **open**
- ❖ Discussing deterrence vs. exercising it
- ❖ In this presentation –
 - No operational plan
 - **Potential** for deterring Iran
 - Paradigm
 - **Illustrative** approach

Focus on Deterrence

❖ Deterrence distinguished from –

- Prevention
- Preemption
- Active defense
- Passive defense
- Survivability enhancement

❖ Deterring Iran means:

Maintaining a **credible threat** on Iran to inflict on it a **damage, in case** it performs certain aggressive activities, so that the **perceived severity** of the damage causes it to **refrain** from performing such activities

The Challenge

- ❖ Uncontrollable adversary logic
- ❖ Israel's vulnerability
- ❖ Threshold for reaction
- ❖ Multi-polar Middle East
- ❖ Attack by group, by proxy, by terrorists...
- ❖ Decisive victory = existential threat ?

Extremely complex situation
– not all problems answered yet!

Required Components

- ❖ Damage specification
- ❖ Demonstration of technical capability
- ❖ Demonstration of operational capability
- ❖ Presentation of decisiveness
- ❖ Balance between credibility & uncertainty
- ❖ Preparation for outcomes

Declared goal: absolute elimination of the adversary's existence as a national entity

Iran is Vulnerable!

- ❖ Dependence on fuel import
- ❖ Significant ethnical minorities
- ❖ About half the population in 6 urban areas
- ❖ (Fear of religious extremism)
- ❖ (Limited agreement with regime's policy)

Clever targeting is needed

Ethnoreligious Distribution





Iran Minorities (50%)

Detering Nuclearization

- ❖ Strategic installations
- ❖ Firms supporting the process
- ❖ Persons –
 - Political leaders
 - Religious influential extremists
 - Technical key professionals



Second Strike Capability

- ❖ Destruction of fuel import system
- ❖ Elimination of all major sea ports
- ❖ Heavy strikes on major military assets 
- ❖ Destruction of all major airports
- ❖ Incapacitation of the electricity system
- ❖ Incapacitation of telecommunication 
- ❖ Elimination of 4-6 major urban centers

Iran Can Be Deterred!



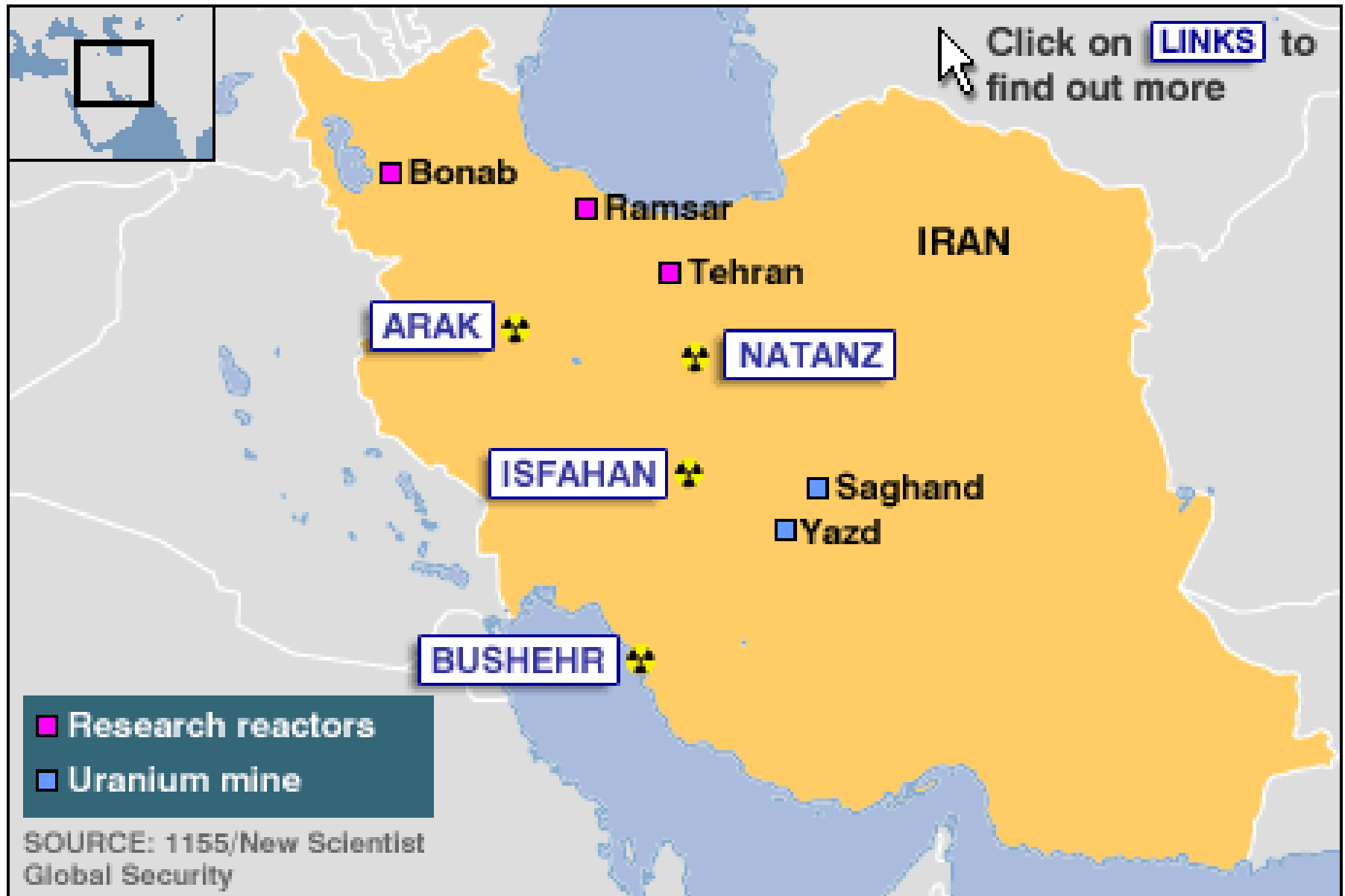


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Economic Facilities



Nuclear Facilities



Nuclear Facilities (2)



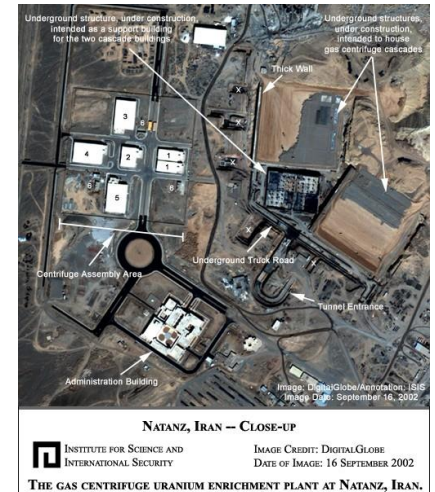
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Ports & Fuel Terminals





Kharg Island



Military Assets



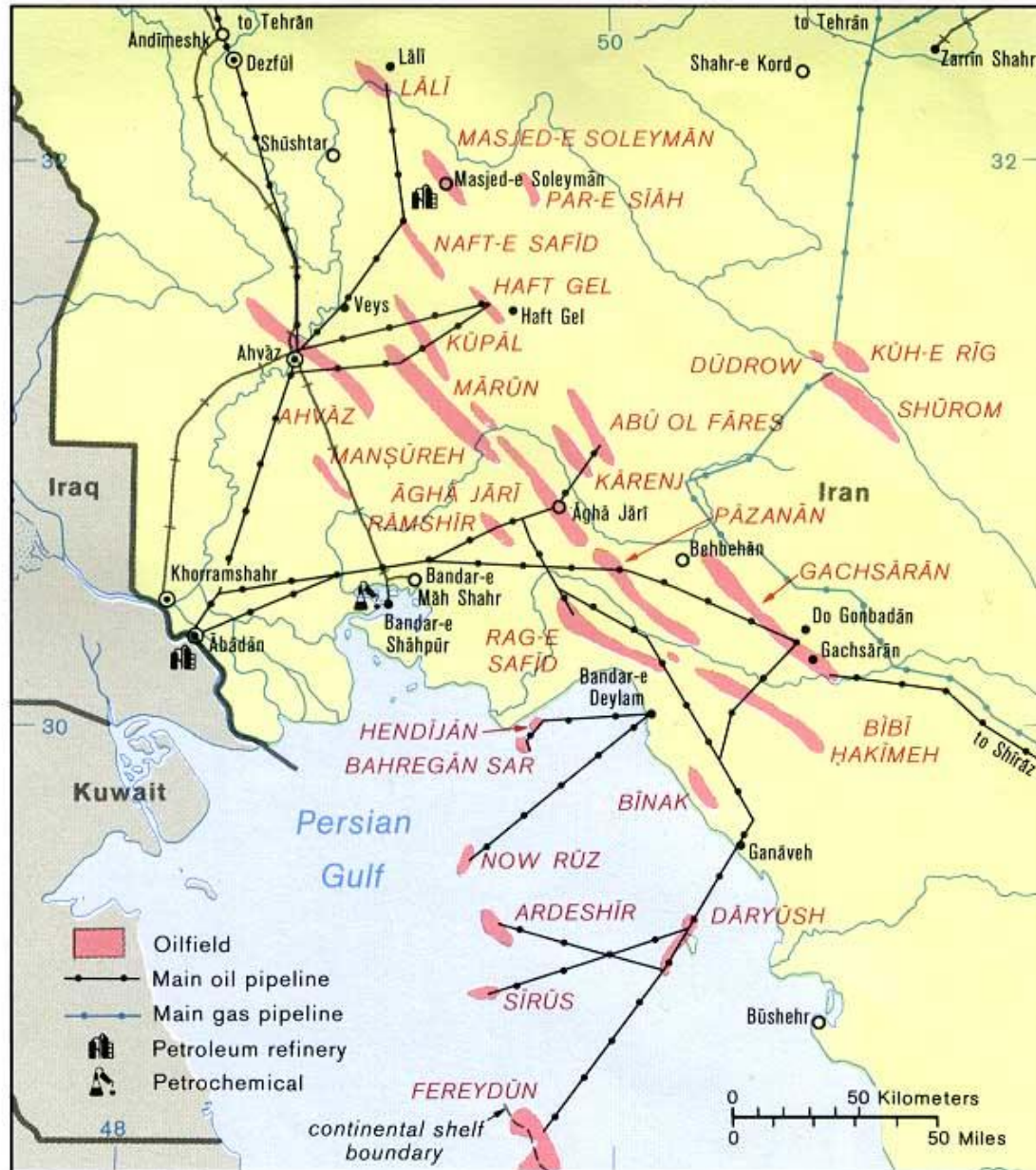
Telecommunication & Electricity



Transportation Sysytem



Major Iranian Oilfields



Major Oil Fields ???



Supporting Efforts

- ❖ Efficient anti-ballistic missile defense
- ❖ Robust survivable deployment of second-strike capability
- ❖ Develop boost-phase-intercept systems
- ❖ Extensive & reliable intelligence system
- ❖ Comprehensive after-strike assessment
- ❖ Adequate C4I to handle the above
- ❖ Civil systems to ensure country connectivity, suitable shelter areas, population dispersal

