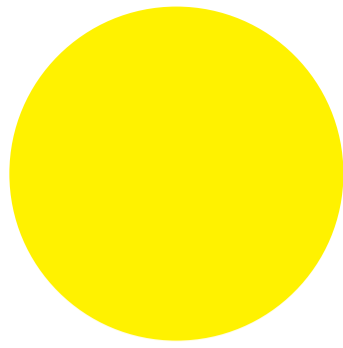


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For decades, the "nuclear dossier" has remained a thorn in the side of Iran's foreign policy and national security landscape. Western powers, egged on by the Zionist regime, have spearheaded a long-running campaign to paint a distorted picture of Iran's peaceful nuclear program, hurling unfounded, politically motivated accusations. By latching onto Iran's nuclear activities, they have sought to push forward their "Iranophobia" agenda and heighten the pressure to box in the Islamic Republic on the global stage. This comes despite Iran's nuclear policy being entirely transparent and kept in check under the eye of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), with full compliance to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Even US intelligence agencies have come out and confirmed the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program. The strategic value of nuclear energy for Iran, therefore, cannot be overlooked. [Page 8 >](#)