

Nuke talks only with IAEA, Iran says

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TEHRAN -- Iran's president said Wednesday Tehran would conduct further nuclear negotiations only with the U.N. nuclear watchdog under international nuclear agreements. "From now on, Iran's peaceful nuclear program will be discussed only at the International Atomic Energy Agency within the framework of the (nuclear nonproliferation treaty) regulations and mutual commitments," Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said. Ahmadinejad stressed that no authority outside the IAEA has authority over Iran's nuclear program, the Islamic Republic News Agency said. Meanwhile, an official with Iran's nuclear regulatory body, Mohammad Saeidi, said the countries that drafted U.N. Security Council resolutions against Iran should compensate Iran for damages. The officials said the sanctions are unjust because Iranian statements in 2003 regarding the civilian nature of its nuclear program were confirmed by the IAEA.

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