

Bush: Iran must prove its intentions

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WASHINGTON -- U.S. President George Bush said Monday it remains to be seen whether Iran is a positive force in Afghanistan. Bush and Afghan President Hamid Karzai appeared at a joint news conference following two days of talks at Camp David, Md., focusing on the level of civilian casualties as U.S. and NATO forces attempt to track down members of the Taliban. "The burden of proof is on the Iranian government to show us they're a positive force," Bush said, adding that the people of Iran could be doing a lot better if Tehran would give up its nuclear ambitions. Bush also expressed concern over the number of civilian casualties as allied forces pursue the Taliban, saying the group "remains a challenge to those who want freedom." "The Taliban are the ones who surround themselves with human shields" and show "no regard for human life," Bush said. Karzai told reporters he and Bush had a good discussion on the issue of civilian casualties.

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