

Shimon Peres rebukes Iran

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JERUSALEM -- Israeli President Shimon Peres on Thursday made dire comparisons of Iran's president and the despotic regimes of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. A statement from the president's office said, "Many times in history it was too late to prevent horrors and bloodshed, for instance with Stalin and Hitler. We are nearing a similar turn of events with (Iranian President Mahmoud) Ahmadinejad." The statement said that the Iranian leader made repeated statements regarding the destruction of Israel and warned against an "extremist Persian empire that would rule the entire Mideast." Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert left Israel for Moscow and a visit with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss Iran's nuclear program, the Israel News said. Speaking of the visit, Sharon voiced opposition to Russia's support for Iran's nuclear program, stating, "everybody knows what Iran's true intentions are." Putin recently returned from Tehran where he discussed cooperation with Iran's nuclear program. Some Western leaders claim Iran is using its nuclear program to develop a weapons programs. Iranian leaders said the program is for power generation.

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