

## Six Arab nations pursuing nuclear power

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The Times Newspaper reported today that no less than [six Arab nations](#) have declared their interest in pursuing nuclear technology. Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia are now seeking to build nuclear power plants, with the help of the International Atomic Energy Agency. It is believed that the renewed interest in nuclear energy in the Middle East is partly due to the burgeoning threat posed by Iran.

**Quote:** *""Some Middle East states, including Egypt, Morocco, Algeria and Saudi Arabia, have shown initial interest (in using) nuclear power primarily for desalination purposes," Tomihiko Taniguchi, the deputy director-general of the IAEA, was quoted in the Times. He noted that the IAEA met with the Arab nations to set up technical advisory programs. Expert on nuclear proliferation at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Mark Fitzpatrick said it was clear the sudden rush for nuclear know-how was to provide a "security hedge" for the Arabs nations. "If Iran was not on the path to a nuclear weapons capability you would probably not see this sudden rush (in the Arab world)," he said.*

This puts an end to the folly of the policy of a nuclear-free Middle East. Former British Foreign Minister Jack Straw stated on Channel 4 news earlier in the year, that he believes Israel's possession of nuclear weapons is a [potential threat](#) to Middle East peace. Jack Straw proposed that after Iran is disarmed, that the international community would proceed with disarming Israel, a move which would amount to national suicide for tiny Israel. His comments made me so mad, I decided to write a [letter](#)

to my MP Lady Hermon and the Foreign Office. Lady Hermon, who is a Christian, wrote a very positive reply to my letter, but unfortunately Kim Howells' response from the British Foreign Office was not so positive. I also wrote a letter regarding the British Foreign Secretary's comments over the [Gaza Beach incident](#)

, and once again received a very negative response from Kim Howells, in which he seemed to blame Israel for the deaths on the beach whether it was their fault or not. But this anti-Israel policy is not unique to Britain. Even

[President Bush](#)

supports disarming Israel of his nuclear weapons. When it comes to the crunch in the tribulation period, Israel will have only one way to look...

### Zechariah 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

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