

Ahmadinejad: Iran and Syria will create a new world order

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Iran and Syria plan to create a new world order, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday.

"Iran and Syria have a joint mission to create a new world order on the basis of justice, humanity and belief in God," Ahmadinejad told visiting Syrian Parliament Speaker Mahmoud al-Abrash.

Syria is Iran's main ally in the Middle East and both countries consider Israel to be their political arch-foe.

"At the current juncture, the role of Iran and Syria is historic and therefore bilateral cooperation should be increased," Mehr news agency quoted Ahmadinejad as saying.

The semi-official FARS news agency reported that Ahmadinejad said that "the resistance of nations including Iran and Syria has caused a deadlock in policies of Arrogant System in economic, political and military sections."

He also turned to presence of bullying powers' forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen and said, "The enemies' plots will harm themselves."

Iran's president added that he felt that the United States would eventually be forced by the two states to stop interference in the region and withdraw its military personnel.

Mehr quoted the Syrian speaker as saying that Iran and Syria would side by side move towards continued resistance and fight against world imperialism.

Also on Thursday, Syria's state-run news agency reported that Syria's president Bashar Assad is urging the United States to play a stronger role in Mideast peacemaking.

Assad appealed to the U.S. on Thursday during a meeting with U.S. congressman Alcee Hastings in Damascus.

President Barack Obama has stepped up diplomatic efforts to improve ties with Syria and push the country away from its alliance with Iran and its support of militants like Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Palestinian Hamas.

Damascus wants to end its international isolation and hopes the U.S. can help boost its weak economy and mediate peace talks with Israel.

Assad also lashed out at Israel saying it was not ready for peace. The last round of Syria-Israel peace talks collapsed in 2000

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