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**From:** Siamak Namazi [snamazi@atiehbahar.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2007 2:58 AM

**To:** 'Trita Parsi'

**Subject:** RE: nytimes read your article!

We have a briefing on thurs. I will write you some notes then. Meanwhile, read through the daily press summaries. I don't have insight beyond that, but will share with you anything interesting that I trip on.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2007 2:16 AM

**To:** 'Siamak Namazi'

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What are you hearing in Tehran? What is the thinking. They are reacting very cautiously. Is the strategy to sacrifice Ahmadinejad and reach out to Saudi? Will that work? I doubt it. what are people saying?

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 13, 2007 12:44 PM

**To:** 'Trita Parsi'

**Subject:** RE: nytimes read your article!

Let me know if I can help... and don't forget your wife and kid (under construction)!

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 13, 2007 5:53 PM

**To:** 'Siamak Namazi'

**Subject:** RE: nytimes read your article!

I spoke to about 20 journalists yesterday, including NY Times, trying to get them ask questions about that angle. I spend almost 50% of my time at niac on this now, almost all the legislative work is left to Shervin and Bahram

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**From:** Siamak Namazi [mailto:snamazi@atiehbahar.com]

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Mr. Bush's public warning to Iran was accompanied by the deployment of an additional aircraft carrier off Iran's coast and advanced Patriot antimissile defense systems in Persian Gulf countries near Iran's borders. **Both the White House and the secretary of defense, Robert M. Gates, insisted Friday that the United States was not seeking to goad Iran into conflict, and that it had no intention of taking the battle into Iranian territory. The White House spokesman, Tony Snow, warned reporters away from "an urban legend that's going around" that Mr. Bush was "trying to prepare the way for war" with Iran or Syria.**

Mr. Gates said that the United States did not intend to engage in hot pursuit of the operatives into Iran.

"We believe that we can interrupt these networks that are providing support, through actions inside the territory of Iraq, that there is no need to attack targets in Iran itself," Mr. Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "I continue to believe what I told you at the confirmation hearing," he added, referring to last month's hearings on his nomination, "that any kind of military action inside Iran itself would be a very last resort."