

**Bob Dole**



**NEWS**

**U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS**

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## **IRAN & RUSSIA**

**DOLE WELCOMES PRESIDENT'S ACTION ON IRAN:**  
**ABSENT ASSURANCES FROM MOSCOW ON REACTORS FOR IRAN,**  
**PRESIDENT MAY WANT TO RECONSIDER UPCOMING SUMMIT**

**NEW HAVEN, CT --** Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, traveling this afternoon in Connecticut, issued the following statement:

"I welcome the President's action to increase sanctions on Iran. There is strong support in Congress for tightening international pressure on the rogue regime in Tehran. There may be efforts to go even farther than the President's initiative, as legislation introduced by Senator D'Amato would. Congress may also examine whether the sanctions on Iran should be applied to all state sponsors of international terrorism on a coordinated basis.

"The President had to act. But the international community must also act to isolate Iran. Iran's support of international terrorism makes it a pariah. Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability makes it a national security threat. The threat of a nuclear-armed Iran requires a serious U.S. diplomatic response. It should be the number one priority in our diplomatic discussions with Russia and China. President Clinton may want to reconsider his trip to Moscow unless he has assurances that Moscow will not proceed with its plans to provide nuclear reactors to Iran.

"The grim reality of this threat only underscores the importance of moving ahead with the deployment of missile defenses to protect our forces and allies overseas, and the American people here at home."

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