

## Iranian president Ahmadinejad expects U.S. attack 'on at least two countries in next three months'

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Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad believes the U.S. will launch a military strike on 'at least two countries' in the Middle East in the next three months.

In an interview recorded on Tuesday, Ahmadinejad did not specify whether he thought Iran itself would be attacked nor did he say what intelligence led him to expect such a move.

The United States and Israel have refused to rule out military action against Iran's nuclear programme which they fear could lead to it making a bomb, something Iran denies.

'They have decided to attack at least two countries in the region in the next three months,' Ahmadinejad said.

Israel, which refuses to confirm or deny the existence of its own nuclear arsenal, has a history of pre-emptive strikes against suspected nuclear targets.

In 1981 it destroyed Iraq's only nuclear reactor and in 2007 bombed a suspect site in Syria.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran 'the ultimate terrorist threat'.

Ahmadinejad said Iran had 'very precise information that the Americans have hatched a plot, according to which they are to wage a psychological war against Iran'.

He also criticized the U.S.-led drive for international sanctions to pressure Tehran over the nuclear issue.

The European Union agreed a new round of economic sanctions on Monday, including a block on oil and gas investment following a similar move by Washington and a fourth round of U.N. sanctions.

The logic that they can persuade us to negotiate through sanctions is just a failure,' Ahmadinejad said.

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