



Iran's Provocation to Jews

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WHILE the Middle East rests on a knife's edge, the Iranian Government has sought to further destabilise the situation by hosting a Holocaust conference this week ("Holocaust denier in 'farcical' summit", 11/12).

This conference has no serious research purpose but, rather, seeks to offend Israel, Jews worldwide and all civilised, decent people by mocking a tragedy that still lives on in the memories of survivors.

Iran's President Ahmadinejad has ensured the conference's outcome by prejudging the Holocaust as “a myth” on various occasions in the past. His agenda is further exposed by the failure to include one credible historian on the list of invited participants; instead, it boasts discredited Holocaust-deniers such as Australian Frederick Toben.

At a time when international tensions are already running high about escalating problems in the Middle East, including Iran's efforts to obtain nuclear weaponry, this conference can only be seen as another act of provocation and brinksmanship. That it's so calculatedly insulting to the memory of the millions cruelly murdered in the Holocaust inflames matters even more.

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