



Mocking Tragedy (“The Age” 12th December 2006)

While the Middle East rests on a knife's edge, Iran seeks to further destabilise the situation by sponsoring a Holocaust conference. The conference has no serious research purpose, but rather seeks to offend Israel, Jews and civilised people by mocking a tragedy that lives on in the memories of survivors.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has ensured the conference's outcomes by pre-judging the Holocaust as a myth. His agenda is further demonstrated by failing to include one credible historian among the participants; instead it boasts discredited Holocaust-deniers such as Australian Frederick Toben.

At a time when international tension is high, including Iran's efforts to obtain nuclear weaponry, this conference can only be seen as another act of provocation and brinksmanship. That it is so calculatedly insulting to the memory of the millions murdered in the Holocaust must inflame matters even more.

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