Former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said that the world must stop talking to Iran as he attended a press conference in Berlin today. He criticized the international community for agreeing to more talks with Iran over the nuclear crisis, despite breaking several UN Security Council resolutions calling for a halt to Uranium enrichment. Peres said Iran gained its strength from the weakness of the international community to abide by their own word. The Six Nations involved in the negotiations with Iran have given Javier Solana several more weeks to broker a deal.

Quote: *""If the countries of the international community countries would have acted, we could have cancelled the Iranian danger. The great fear is that the Iranian nuclear capabilities would be used for terror. All world leaders should unite in order to stop Iran," he said. Referring to the proposal that France will enrich the Iranian uranium, the vice premier said: "This is a cover up, this is not a solution." "The Security Council set a deadline for an answer from the Iranians. The Iranians failed to meet it, but the negotiations continue. If you don t say what you want, it's okay, but if you say what you want and it is not met, this weakens your power," Peres added.*

Peres' condemnation of the international community came as President Ahmadinejad gave the go ahead for tourists to start visiting his nuclear facilities. Ahmadinejad says this measure will prove to the West that Iran isn't developing nuclear weapons, but a more likely scenario is that the Iranian President wants to bolster public opinion against the US, and at the same time obtain a few hundred foreign nationals for human shields to make an Israeli or US pre-emptive strike more difficult.

Quote: *"The state news agency IRNA reported Wednesday that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has given permission for tourists to visit nuclear sites as proof that Iran's atomic activities are peaceful. "Foreign tourists can visit Iranian nuclear sites, after Dr. Ahmadinejad issued an authorization ordering this organization to study ways to do so," the head of Iran's Tourism and Cultural Heritage Organization Esfandyar Rahim Mashaii said. "This authorization has been issued since the Iranian nuclear activities are peaceful," he told the agency.*

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