

# Dangerous Ambitions: The Challenges of Iran and Hamas

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In the Greater Middle East, the United States is currently engaged in three wars: in Iraq, in Afghanistan, and against al-Qaeda and its affiliate organizations. As serious as those conflicts are, they do not constitute the sum of challenges facing America in the region. Indeed, two additional challenges -- from Iran and from the new Hamas-led Palestinian Authority -- pose particularly serious threats to U.S. interests and acute dilemmas for Washington and its allies.

To discuss these threats, The Washington Institute convened its annual Soref Symposium in May 2006, bringing together experts from America and abroad to define appropriate strategies and tactics. These proceedings, downloadable in their entirety as a free PDF, include edited transcripts and summaries of remarks delivered by distinguished participants such as Undersecretary of State R. Nicholas Burns and former Israeli government minister Dan Meridor, as well as Moshe Yaalon, Amjad Atallah, David Makovsky, Graham Allison, and Richard Haass. ❖

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