

June 20 (Bloomberg) -- Iran would respond to an Israeli attack on nuclear facilities with a "heavy blow," a senior cleric said, following a New York Times report that Israel carried out an exercise that could prepare it for such a strike.

Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami, leading Friday prayers in Tehran, said today that Iran favored dialogue and would resist "mischievous acts," the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency said. Such an attack would prompt an "uproar on the part of our nation," Khatami said.

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