

Iran Chief Says Israel Exists for Genocide

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TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (AP) - President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has called the Holocaust a myth, said Sunday that European countries had sought to complete the genocide by establishing a Jewish state in the midst of Muslim countries.

"Don't you think that continuation of genocide by expelling Jews from Europe was one of their aims in creating a regime of occupiers of Al Quds?" he said, using the Arabic term for Jerusalem. "Isn't that an important question?" His remarks were carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Mr. Ahmadinejad said Europeans had decided to create a "Jewish camp" as the best means for ridding the continent of Jews. He said the camp, [Israel](#), now enjoyed support from the United States and Europe in the slaughter of Muslims.

In October, Mr. Ahmadinejad called for Israel to be "wiped off the map." Last month, Mr. Ahmadinejad said the Holocaust, in which Nazi Germany killed six million Jews, was a myth. After global outrage over the comments, he said that Europeans, if they insist the Holocaust occurred, should cede some of their territory for a Jewish state.

His remarks have been condemned by the White House, Israel, Germany, France and the European Commission, among others. Germany has said the remarks will affect negotiations over [Iran's](#) nuclear program.