

TOP 10 EVENTS* IN 2006

* Significant news events related to nuclear weapons (selected among 47 candidate events)

- Feb 4 U.N. agency (IAEA) refers Iran to U.N. Security Council on suspicion it intends to develop nuclear weapons.
- Jun 27 Russian President Putin urges U.S. to begin negotiations to replace START agreement, which expires in 2009.
- Jul 15 U.S. & Russia unveil program to combat nuclear terrorism threat, including securing all nuclear stockpiles by 2008.
- Aug 23 Expert panel concludes India could boost nuclear bomb production to 50 warheads per year under pending nuclear deal with U.S. See Dec 18 item
- Oct 9 North Korea conducts first nuclear weapons test.
- Oct 16 IAEA warns 30 countries could produce nuclear arsenals if technology proliferation remains unchecked.
- Nov 3 Major security breach revealed. U.S. Government unclassified Web site posted secret documents captured in Iraq, including detailed "how-to-build-nuclear-bomb" guidebook. (Web site shut down Nov.2).
- Nov 20 CIA assessment found no evidence Iran is pursuing covert nuclear arms program. See Feb 4 item
- Dec 18 President Bush signs legislation allowing deal to sell nuclear fuel & technology to India.
- Dec Pentagon's Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Nuclear Capabilities reveals no consensus on roles for nuclear arms.

