

U.S.-Iranian Relations – Vocab

Mohammed Mossadegh – the democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran from 1951 until 1953, when his government was overthrown in a coup d'état supported by the American CIA and the U.K.

Shah – Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the king of Iran from 1941 until 1979 when he was overthrown by the Islamic Revolution

Iranian hostage crisis – a diplomatic crisis between Iran and the United States, in which 52 American diplomats and citizens were held hostage for 444 days after a group of Iranian students took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in November 1979

state sponsor of terrorism – a designation applied to countries that the U.S. Department of State determines have “repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism”

P5+1 – refers to the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States) plus Germany, all of who joined the diplomatic efforts with Iran in 2006 in regard to its nuclear program

dissident – a person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state

enrichment centrifuge – a machine with a rapidly rotating container that applies a force thousands of times more powerful than the force of gravity to its contents in order to separate fluids of different densities