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**THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICIES IN OBAMA  
PERIOD US IRAN RELATIONS**

The US Iranian tension, which started after the 1979 Iranian Revolution, reached its peak on August 14, 2002, when the National Council of Resistance of Iran was announced to the world that it was carrying out activities outside the control of Iran's International Atomic Energy Agency, and came to a dead end with September 11 attacks. After his election to presidency the discourse of a peaceful policy which Obama was expressing in contrast to military based policies of Bush

administration led him to be criticized by both American and International public opinion. Obama, who took office in 2009, took steps to pursue peaceful relations with Iran, unlike his previous Bush administration. Ahmedinejad's gratulation for Obama after he won the elections, and his signals which meant that negotiations could take place if the discussions were positive, were two significant steps towards working for solutions for the disputes between US and Iran. Obama's requests for the Iranian Revolutionary Guards to be removed from the terrorist list, as well as Israeli-Palestinian peace, are indicative of his peaceful foreign policy.

Nuclear energy has been the most determining factor in Iran's foreign policy. Iran has made nuclear power generation and its use, a symbol of power in the international arena. In this article, the nuclear energy problem, which is the most important problem of the Middle East, and the politics followed during the time of Hassan Ruhani and Barack Obama in Iran and the USA were examined. In the article, by analyzing the Middle East policy, which is planned to be followed during the Obama period, the change in the process has been examined and the differences between previous administrations and Iranian administrations has been compared.

The role of the Arab Spring, which plays an important role in the process in shaping the relations between the two countries, and the policies followed by the 2013 Geneva talks, which are the most important step in the process, were evaluated.