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April 21, 2010: More protesters given death sentences. The Iran Human Rights campaign is warning that three more political prisoners have been given death sentences by the regime, this time on allegations that they transmitted forbidden videos to the MEK outside of Iran.

- In Washington, DC, the Pentagon has released its first-ever unclassified report to Congress on the Iranian military and regime's support for terrorism. Highlights include: a public recognition by the U.S. government that Iran is providing military support and weapons to the Taliban, even though they have doctrinal differences. "Tehran's support to the Taliban is inconsistent with their historic enmity, but fits with Iran's strategy of backing many groups to ensure that it will have a positive relationship with the eventual leaders," the report says. In addition, they dispel the manufactured doubts (expressed by the pro-Tehran lobby in Washington) that the IRGC's Quds force is somehow out of control. "Although [Quds Force] operations sometimes appear at odds with the public voice of the Iranian regime, it is not a rogue outfit; it receives direction from the highest levels of government, and its leaders report directly, albeit informally, to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, employing complementary diplomatic and paramilitary strategies."

 Read the full report here; read a more detailed description of it here.
- FDI President Ken Timmerman writes at Newsmax.com that American Jewish leaders and Congress are locking horns with President Obama over his efforts to pick a fight with Israel while failing to take action on Iran.