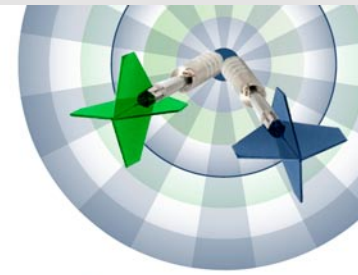


## Sanctioning Iran



An indignant Condoleezza Rice said yesterday that "Russia will pay a price" for Georgia. Some analysts had expected the U.S. to get past Georgia quickly so that it could enlist Russia's help for other pressing issues, but this now seems unlikely, esp. after the way Washington hastened through the missile-defense deal with Poland last week. The U.S. particularly needs Russia's help for approving tougher U.N. sanctions against Iran. Without these sanctions, the chance of a preemptive strike by the U.S. or Israel rises. [Seymour Hersh](#) of the New Yorker reported that a meeting was held earlier this year in Dick Cheney's office on the subject of how to create a casus belli between Tehran and Washington. If the Czech Parliament approves the U.S. radar, Moscow will have another big reason to say No to sanctions against Tehran. The U.S. (or Israel) can then say that Russia's irresponsible behavior at the U.N. left it with no choice but to take preemptive action.



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