UN: No Assurance Iran’s Nuclear Program is All Peaceful

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The head of the UN’s nuclear watchdog said he cannot guarantee that everything Iran is doing is peaceful, even as Tehran takes steps to reduce its nuclear activities under a deal with six world powers.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yukiya Amano spoke Thursday to the IAEA’s 35-nation board.

Amano said he is “not in a position to provide credible assurance about the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran,” and thus cannot conclude that “all nuclear material in Iran is in peaceful activities.”

His comments reflect IAEA constraints on monitoring Iran. But Amano said Tehran will soon enact an agreement giving his agency greater inspection powers

Iran says it does not want nuclear arms but has committed to nuclear program cuts under a deal, in return for the removal of crippling economic sanctions.