

U.S. professional groups cut Iran links

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Iran Daily, quoting a report by the Iran Students' News Agency, said last week the American Chemical Society has rescinded the membership of 36 Iranian scientists. It said the ACS cited the U.S. embargo against Iran for its decision.

The U.S.-based International Society for Optical Engineering has stopped delivery to Iranian researchers of requested books and publications, it added.

Other U.S. organizations restricting collaboration with Iran include the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the U.S. Journal of Petroleum Geologists and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

The United States has imposed an economic embargo on Iran since the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the holding hostage of U.S. diplomats for more than 400 days. The United Nations Security Council has now mandated sanctions on Iran over Iran's suspected program to develop nuclear weapons.