

## Special Report

### Might a Federal Agency be Interested in Niroomand's Trips Home? An Investigative Series on the use of the CoB's Budget

Recent postings to usmpride.com have shown multiple trips by CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand to Tehran, the capital of his native country of Iran. These trips have consumed thousands of taxpayer dollars, and often require that he miss weeks of time in service to those taxpayers and USM's tuition-paying students.

Given recent global events, Niroomand's trips to the Middle East might be of interest to a certain branch of the United States federal government, namely the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Some of that agency's responsibilities are depicted below:



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the DHS website. The address bar shows the URL: [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov). The page title is "DHS | Department of Homeland Security | Threats & Protection". The main content area is titled "Threats & Protection" and features a "THREAT ADVISORY" banner with the word "ELEVATED" in yellow. Below the banner, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with categories like "DHS Organization", "Emergencies & Disasters", "Travel & Transportation", "Immigration & Borders", "Research & Technology", "Threats & Protection", "Working with DHS", and "Press Room". The "Threats & Protection" section is expanded, showing a sub-section titled "Synthesizing and Disseminating Information". This section contains two paragraphs: "The Department of Homeland Security merges under one roof the capability to anticipate, preempt and deter threats to the homeland whenever possible, and the ability to respond quickly when such threats do materialize." and "The department is responsible for assessing the vulnerabilities of the nation's critical infrastructure and cyber security threats and takes the lead in evaluating these vulnerabilities and coordinating with other federal, state, local, and private entities to ensure the most effective response." A third paragraph states: "DHS encourages individuals to report information concerning suspicious or criminal activity and cyber security incidents to Homeland Security." To the right of the main content, there is a "LATEST NEWS" section with three items: "National Strategy for Pandemic Flu", "National Infrastructure Protection Plan", and "Homeland Security Advisory System".

It would seem that DHS Secretary, Judge Michael Chertoff (at right) might be interested in having his associates speak with Niroomand about those visits to the Central Bank of Iran, and perhaps beyond.

