

# In Arrears, Iran Loses its Vote in the UN

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**The most amusing**, if not necessarily most important story to come out of the Middle East this week: Iran turns out to be the biggest deadbeat in the UN, owing that body \$16.2 million that it has been unable to come up with. Once Iran wallowed in wealth, suffering from an *embarrass de richesse*, the oil money came in torrents, and in the good old pre-Khomeini days days Iran's rich would fly in catered meals from Fauchon and Hediard in Paris – surely the most expensive version of GrubHub ever invented. The Shah spent hundreds of millions of dollars on celebrating the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian Empire in October 1971. But that was then, and this is now, and Iran has fallen on hard times. The UN has just announced that for failure to pay its dues, Iran will lose its voting

rights in the General Assembly. One less vote in the Kangaroo Court of the UN General Assembly against Israel, one giant step for mankind. What was once an embarrassment of Iranian riches has become, in a time of economic collapse in Teheran, merely an embarrassment. The report on Iran's empty pockets is here: "Iran loses UN voting rights over unpaid dues, blames US sanctions," by Lahav Harkov, [Jihad Watch](#).