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Ahmadinejad vows to confront interfering powers

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says he will slam the heads of those countries which 'interfered' in the country's post-vote events "into the ceiling."

Opposition newspaper, Etemad-e Melli last week reported that during a meeting with the Association of Basiji Scholars in the northeastern city of Mashhad the president had issued a warning to the opposition.

"Let the swearing-in ceremony occur," it quoted him as saying. "Then we will take them by the collar and slam their heads into the ceiling."

On Saturday, however, Ahmadinejad said his comments had been distorted by the media.

"After speaking at the meeting a number of media outlets reported that I was referring to my opponents, but I was in fact referring to the bullying and interfering powers," he said during a ceremony on the occasion of Journalist Day.

"Even after we informed them of their mistake they continued their physiological warfare against the new government," he added.

Iran has blamed Western countries, particularly Britain, of instigating post-vote unrest which broke out after Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election with a massive margin on June 12.

Ahmadinejad was on Wednesday sworn in for a second term into office as the country's president.

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