

# **President Donald J. Trump is Ending United States Participation in an Unacceptable Iran Deal**

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## **PROTECTING AMERICA FROM A BAD DEAL: President Donald J. Trump is terminating the United States' participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with Iran and re-imposing sanctions lifted under the deal.**

- President Trump is terminating United States participation in the JCPOA, as it failed to protect America's national security interests.
- The JCPOA enriched the Iranian regime and enabled its malign behavior, while at best delaying its ability to pursue nuclear weapons and allowing it to preserve nuclear research and development.
- The President has directed his Administration to immediately begin the process of re-imposing sanctions related to the JCPOA.
- The re-imposed sanctions will target critical sectors of Iran's economy, such as its energy, petrochemical, and financial sectors.
  - Those doing business in Iran will be provided a period of time to allow them to wind down operations in or business involving Iran.
- Those who fail to wind down such activities with Iran by the end of the period will risk severe consequences.
- United States withdrawal from the JCPOA will pressure the Iranian regime to alter its course of malign activities and ensure that Iranian bad acts are no longer rewarded. As a result, both Iran and its regional proxies will be put on notice. As importantly, this step will help ensure global funds stop flowing towards illicit terrorist and nuclear activities.

## **IRAN'S BAD FAITH AND BAD ACTIONS: Iran negotiated the JCPOA in bad faith, and the deal gave the Iranian regime too much in exchange for too little.**

- Intelligence recently released by Israel provides compelling details about Iran's past secret efforts to develop nuclear weapons, which it lied about for years.
  - The intelligence further demonstrates that the Iranian regime did not come clean about its nuclear weapons activity, and that it entered the JCPOA in bad faith.
- The JCPOA failed to deal with the threat of Iran's missile program and did not include a strong enough mechanism for inspections and verification.
- The JCPOA foolishly gave the Iranian regime a windfall of cash and access to the international financial system for trade and investment.
  - Instead of using the money from the JCPOA to support the Iranian people at home, the regime has instead funded a military buildup and continues to fund its terrorist proxies, such as Hizballah and Hamas.

- Iran violated the laws and regulations of European countries to counterfeit the currency of its neighbor, Yemen, to support the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Quds Force's destabilizing activities.

**ADDRESSING IRANIAN AGGRESSION: President Trump is committed to ensuring Iran has no possible path to a nuclear weapon and is addressing the threats posed by the regime's malign activities.**

- President Trump will work to assemble a broad coalition of nations to deny Iran all paths to a nuclear weapon and to counter the totality of the regime's malign activities.
  - Nations must work together to halt the Iranian regime's destabilizing drive for regional hegemony.
    - In Syria, the Iranian regime supports the Assad regime and is complicit in Assad's atrocities against the Syrian people.
    - In Yemen, the regime has escalated the conflict and used the Houthis as a proxy to attack other nations.
    - In Iraq, Iran's IRGC sponsors Shia militant groups and terrorists.
    - In Lebanon, the Iranian regime enables Hizballah to play a highly destabilizing role and to build an arsenal of weapons that threatens the region.
  - The Administration's actions are directed against the malign behavior of the Iranian regime, not against the Iranian people, who are the regime's longest-suffering victims.
- President Trump is making clear that, in addition to never developing a nuclear weapon, the Iranian regime must:
  - Never have an ICBM, cease developing any nuclear-capable missiles, and stop proliferating ballistic missiles to others.
  - Cease its support for terrorists, extremists, and regional proxies, such as Hizballah, Hamas, the Taliban, and al-Qa'ida.
  - End its publicly declared quest to destroy Israel.
  - Stop its threats to freedom of navigation, especially in the Persian Gulf and Red Sea.
  - Cease escalating the Yemen conflict and destabilizing the region by proliferating weapons to the Houthis.
  - End its cyber-attacks against the United States and our allies, including Israel.
  - Stop its grievous human rights abuses, shown most recently in the regime's crackdown against widespread protests by Iranian citizens.
  - Stop its unjust detention of foreigners, including United States citizens.

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