

America must not back down against Iran

The U.S. is not initiating hostilities. It is not bullying Iran. It is responding to Tehran's recent threats – and to years of lying and cheating about its nuclear capabilities. The aim of Trump's maximum pressure on Iran is negotiations, not war

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Recent developments surrounding the Iran nuclear crisis – including the Trump administration's designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guards as a terror organization, further U.S. sanctions placed on Iran and Europe's inability so far to significantly circumvent them - have led to rising tensions between Iran and the United States.

The effects of the maximum pressure campaign are being felt acutely in Iran, and it is desperately trying to find a way to push back.

Iran has threatened to end some of its commitments according to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and to exit the nuclear deal within 60 days if the U.S. and Europe do not cave to its demands to moderate sanctions. In addition, Iran is issuing military threats against U.S. interests, and threatening to close the Strait of Hormuz.

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