

Analysis

Iran has somewhat complied with its nuclear deal

In renegotiating, it makes little sense to lay out what Iran 'will never accept' before it meets its full commitments

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In the midst of the current rise in US-Iran tensions in the Gulf, and the various calls to “save the JCPOA,” a favorite talking point of staunch supporters of the JCPOA is to note that according to all the reports of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) since the deal went into effect, Iran has been entirely compliant with its commitments. These supporters attribute all of the tension of late between the US and Iran to President Trump’s decision to leave the deal in May 2018.

A recent official statement to this effect was delivered by EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini, who in a press conference following a meeting of the Europeans on how to keep the JCPOA alive – after pronouncing that Iran’s breaches of the JCPOA regarding its uranium enrichment stockpile and level of enrichment are “not significant” – noted that “Iran has stayed fully compliant with its nuclear commitments under the JCPOA for 14 months after the US decided to withdraw from the agreement.”

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