

## INSS expert: Trump giving Iran the upper hand

### Zarif offer of permanent inspections is ‘a nothing hamburger’

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US President Donald Trump has lost control of the nuclear standoff with Iran, **Emily Landau**, director of Arms Control at the **Institute for National Security Studies**, told The Jerusalem Post on Monday.

It is in that context that Landau says people should view Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif’s purported latest offer of “sanctions relief” from the US for “permanent monitoring of Iranian nuclear facilities.”

On Monday, CNN’s Christiane Armanpour tweeted a photo of her interviewing Zarif, including highlighting his new offer as an attempt to break the ongoing stalemate between Washington and Tehran.

At first glance, Zarif’s offer could seem like breaking some serious new ground.

Until now the Islamic republic has demanded total sanctions relief before it makes any concessions.

Zarif’s statement seemed to allude to possibly extending the 2015 Iran nuclear deal’s inspections regime beyond the life of the deal which, while not dealing with all of Washington’s criticism of the deal, could be viewed as showing substantive movement by the Iranians.

Landau said that this would be a total misunderstanding of what Zarif offered.

“There is absolutely nothing new in that offer... it is a nothing hamburger,” said Landau.

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