

Nuclear talks between Iran and US, EU on hold as each rethinks strategy

Iran is optimistic that the US withdrawal from Afghanistan will benefit Tehran.

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It has been close to two months since the last meeting in Vienna took place between Iran and world powers in an attempt to revive the 2015 landmark Iran nuclear accord, and one week since US Central Intelligence Agency Director William Burns visited Israel for talks with Israeli officials centering on the deal.

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Shlomo Brom, a senior research associate at the **Institute for National Security Studies**, told The Media Line that the collapse of the negotiations is not imminent.

"I don't think we are at the point of no return yet. It is too early to say what the intention of the new Iranian administration is, and Mr. (Supreme Leader Ali) Khamenei's true intentions," he said .

Brom explains that Israel has two demands that it wants the Biden administration to take into account when negotiating.

"The first demand of Israel will be that the US will insist on a long-range agreement, which will include other subjects, such as the general conduct of the Iranians in the Middle East and the issue of the ballistic missiles," he said.

"The second demand, if all fails and there's no new agreement, the two parties [US & Israel] will discuss further steps that need to be taken including the use of force if necessary and if Iran continues its progress in its military nuclear capabilities," said Brom.

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