



## Fact Sheet on the Iranian Interim Deal

- The interim deal, or the Joint Plan of Action (JPA), took effect on January 20, 2014. It was renewed on July 20, 2014 for another four months ending on November 24, 2014. It was [renewed](#) again until June 2015.
- Sanction relief is [estimated](#) to be worth \$11 billion over the sixth month period for the Iranians, and eventually, it will be more than \$20 billion. *The Daily Beast* [assessed that](#) the easing of sanctions on Tehran, as reported in a study, allowed the Iranian economy to begin to recover, “undercutting Western leverage”.
  - Iran’s CBI has stated that the [Iranian economy grew by 4.6%](#) in the 12-month period ending in spring 2014. Iran’s economy [contracted](#) by 6.6% during the 2012/2013 fiscal year.
  - *Reuters* on July 1, 2014 [published figures](#) indicating that Iran has for the eighth straight month violated crude export restrictions set by the interim JPA.
- The U.S. has [released](#) \$8 billion in Iranian assets frozen in 1979. It is unclear if this is part of the total sanctions relief.
- It has been [reported](#) that under the deal with Iran, Tehran will receive \$4.2 billion in cash. This amount seems separate from the \$ 8 billion already released. It is unclear if this is part of the total sanctions relief numbers.
- For the four month extension, the United States [gave](#) Iran access to another \$2.8 billion in frozen funds.
- For the second extension, Iran will be [given](#) \$700 million a month.
- The deal has [conceded](#) to Iran’s demand that it be permitted to domestically enrich uranium.
- It was [reported](#) that Iran can still produce enough nuclear material to fuel a bomb in as little as two months.
- [According](#) to the deal, Iran has committed to halting enrichment to 20%, diluting half of its existing 20% stockpile to 5% levels, and converting the other half to an oxide form in which it can’t be further enriched.
- The deal [includes](#) a provision allowing the Iranians to veto reports of violations of the JPA.
- The deal, which does not require Iran to dismantle its nuclear program, is in [direct contravention](#) of six UN resolutions.
- The deal [does](#) nothing to stop Iran from using its new installments of cash and time to advance the weakest parts of its nuclear program -- bomb technology and the ballistic missiles. Defense Intelligence Agency Director Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn had in February 2014 [testified](#) that Iran was on track for testing its ICBM capabilities as early as 2015.
- The deal legitimizes Iran as a member of the community of nations, and as a partner with the U.S. in negotiations.
- The deal has [increased](#) the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)’s access in Iran to monitor the agreement, but it still falls short of what the IAEA says it needs.

- Iran seems to believe it has “won” with the deal.
  - Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei’s Twitter account [stated that](#) “nuclear achievements are not going to stop [and] no one has the right to trade them and no one will do so.”
  - President Rouhani has gloated on [Twitter](#) (later [removed](#)) and [video](#) about the world powers capitulating to Iran.
  - A CNN interview on Jan 26, 2014 [had](#) President Rouhani declaring to CNN host Fareed Zakaria that Iran "will not accept any limitations" on its "nuclear technology" in the context of a comprehensive agreement between Tehran and the West, and that the Iranians will "not under any circumstances" agree to destroy any uranium enrichment centrifuges. Zakaria [described](#) Rouhani’s statement as a diplomatic “train wreck.”
  - Supreme Leader Khamenei [declared](#) that talks between Tehran and world powers “will not lead anywhere.”
  - *FARS* has [reported](#) Iranian Army Commander Major General Salehi said: “Had the enemy been able to confront us militarily, it would have already taken action.”
  - Ali Younesi, senior advisor to Iranian President Rouhani, [stated](#) that “Obama is the weakest of U.S. presidents, he had humiliating defeats in the region” and “that is why they want to compromise with Iran”.
  - During negotiations, Iranian negotiators [tend](#) to treat their Western counterparts—particularly the Americans—with scorn. Iranian diplomat Araghchi is reported to have said in an interview that during past negotiations in Geneva, Zarif “shouted” at Kerry and spoke to him in a way that was likely “unprecedented” in the history of U.S. diplomacy. Araghchi went on to claim that he and Zarif play the roles of “good cop, bad cop,” according to the report. The two often exchange these roles in a bid to “baffle the Western diplomats” and keep them uneasy, the report claims.

### **Other Pertinent Facts**

- Since 1979, and the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, the Iranian regime has committed numerous acts of war against the U.S. It has supported terrorists that have killed Americans in the 1983 bombings in Beirut, and in the 1998 bombing of the Khobar Towers; it has supplied IEDs to Iraqi rebels during the 2000’s that have [killed](#) U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it planned a 2011 bombing of a Washington, DC restaurant to kill the Saudi Ambassador.
- The Iranian regime continues [celebrates](#) a yearly “Death to America” day. The *New York Times* [described the mood](#) at celebrations held in Tehran to mark the 35th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, reporting that attendees chanted "Death to America," "Death to Obama," "Death to Kerry," and "Death to [State Department Undersecretary Wendy] Sherman." They [set up](#) a booth for Iranians to throw shoes at President Obama.
- If Iran gets the nuclear bomb, [Saudi Arabia](#), the U.A.E., Turkey and others, will likely [develop](#) their own nuclear bombs.
- The Iranian regime’s persecution of Iranian women, gays, religious minorities, and press is [increasing](#) and continuing:
  - In November of 2014, a 26-year-old Iranian woman, Reyhaneh Jabbari, was [hung](#) for allegedly killing the man who raped her. The trial of Jabbari lacked fair and due process.
  - Iran has the 2nd highest record of executions after China. [Iran’s](#) abuse of human rights, including the hangings of hundreds of dubiously convicted citizens — in several cases minors — has [soared](#) over the past year.
  - In 2014, 120 people of the Baha’i community, as well as 49 Christians, have been [documented](#) to be in prison.
  - Open Doors International’s list for 2013 [says](#) Iran is one of the top 10 countries for Christian persecution.
  - *The Huffington Post* [ran an expose](#) on anti-gay discrimination in Iran, quoting one refugee bluntly evaluating that "either you want to leave, or you want to die." The punishment for sodomy under Iran’s criminal code is death.
  - In March 2014, the European Parliament [passed](#) a resolution urging Iran’s leaders to improve its human rights situation, noting that “the situation of women in Iran remains marred by unacceptable discrimination, in particular on legal matters, as well as with regard to family law and women’s participation in economic and political life.”
  - As of July 2014, [65 news providers were behind bars in Iran](#), according to Reporters Without Borders, and Iran remains “one of the world’s most repressive countries as regards to freedom of information.”
- An [analysis](#) by the U.S.-based Institute of Science and International Security (ISIS) calculated that any deal purporting to realistically put off Iranian weaponization would minimally require the country to remove 15,000 centrifuges, shut down its underground military bunker at Fordow, downgrade the reactor at Arak, and agree to a 20-year inspection regime.

### **Iranian Actions Post-Deals: Showing Bad Faith**

- On November 20, 2014, it was [reported](#) that Iran continues to “vigorously” pursue a nuclear weapon, despite repeated assurances to the contrary to the West. The findings of the report coincide with comments [issued](#) by the head of the IAEA, stating that Iran still refuses to explain its research into an atomic weapon. It has been reported that Iran has

[used](#) the loosening of the sanctions to violate the accord by buying parts for their plutonium-producing reactor at Arak, a fact which the Administration has acknowledged privately.

- In November of 2014, an IAEA report [declared](#) that Iran was still denying the agency access to sites where military-related atomic work is thought to have taken place, threatening any post-deal verification regime.
- In Mid-January 2014, Iranian naval warships [were sent](#) close to U.S. maritime borders. According to *The Free Beacon*, an Iranian Admiral [said](#): "...Americans and all the world know that one of the operational goals of the IRGC Navy is destruction of the US naval force."
- In September of 2014, Yemen's Houthis, a Shiite rebel group that is supported by Iran, took [control](#) of the capital Sanaa.
- Iran continues to be a [major supporter](#) of the Assad Regime in Syria that has killed hundreds of thousands of Syrians.
- Iran [provides](#) "calibrated lethal aide to the Taliban" in Afghanistan to help the group conduct attacks on U.S. and Western security forces operating in the country, according to a new Pentagon report.
- Iran has long [waged](#) a covert campaign to turn Iraq into a virtual client of Tehran — and in the process alienated Sunnis and pushed them toward extremism. *The Free Beacon* has also noted that reports of "Iran arming Iraqi insurgents and attempting to destabilize the government emerged in [2009](#), [2010](#), [2011](#), [2012](#), [2013](#), and [2014](#)." Also see [here](#).
- Iran continues to spew hatred and act in hostile ways towards the U.S. and Israel.
  - "Jihad will only end when society can get rid of America," [threatened](#) Supreme Leader Khamenei.
  - Khamenei [stated](#) on July 23, 2014 that the only solution for the region is the destruction of Israel.
  - On January 9, 2014, Khamenei [said](#): "We had announced previously that on certain issues, if we feel it is expedient, we would negotiate with the Satan (the United States) to deter its evil."
  - On March 21, 2014, Khamenei [questioned](#) the Holocaust in an address marking Nowruz, the Persian New Year.
  - Iranian General Jazayeri has [said](#), "The low-IQ US president and his country's Secretary of State John Kerry speak of the effectiveness of 'the US options on the table' on Iran while this phrase is mocked at and has become a joke among the Iranian nation, specially the children."
  - On January 7, 2014, Iranian state TV [ran](#) a documentary featuring a computerized video of Iran's drones and missiles bombing Tel Aviv and carrying out simulated strikes on the American aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.
- In 2014, Iran [continues](#) to be a leading State Sponsor of Terrorism. 2014 marks its 30th year on the list.
  - Tehran uses the al-Quds Force of its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as its "primary mechanism for cultivating and supporting terrorists abroad" with the intent of destabilizing the Middle East and fomenting anti-Israel attacks.
  - "Iran also virtually [gave](#) birth to Lebanon's Hezbollah, which has destabilized the region for decades to further Iranian interests. Hezbollah has seriously exacerbated sectarian tensions in Lebanon and, before 9/11, had the dubious honor of having killed more Americans than any other terrorist organization."
  - Iran has [increased](#) support for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which in November of 2014 attacked a Jerusalem synagogue and killed three Americans and two others.
  - Iran and Hamas have [rebuilt](#) warm relations, overcoming a temporary break in relations caused by the Syrian civil war.

### **Iranian President Rouhani is neither a "moderate" nor a "pragmatist"**

- Rouhani has a [documented](#) history of engaging in deceptive rhetoric towards the West.
- Rouhani has [expressed support](#) for the 1979 seizure of the U.S. Embassy, for the fatwa against Salman Rushdie, and for the use of terrorist violence against the U.S.
- In 2012, under the presidency of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the recorded number of [executions](#) was 580 people. In 2013, 687 people were executed. This indicates that there has been an increase of 45 percent in executions under Rouhani.