Time (Keeps On Never) Running Out for Iran Nuclear Talks

Key Quotes from U.S. and European Officials

July 2021

Time first began running out

"Talks **cannot go on indefinitely**."
– Antony Blinken
Secretary of State

JULY 29, 2021

"Time is **running short**."
– Antony Blinken
Secretary of State

NOV. 7, 2021

December 2021

Only weeks to reach deal

The U.S. deadline to reach a deal will come "**within weeks**."
– Jake Sullivan
National Security Advisor

DEC. 22, 2021

"Time is absolutely **running short**…. That is a **matter of weeks**; it is certainly **not a matter of months**."
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

JAN. 6, 2022

"Iran's ongoing nuclear advances will make it impossible for us to return to the JCPOA" if a deal isn't reached "**in the coming weeks**."
– Robert Malley
Special Envoy for Iran

FEB. 9, 2022

February 2022

Deal within days

"We can and should reach an understanding … **within days**."
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

FEB. 18, 2022

February 2022

Ready to walk away

"**We are prepared to walk away** if Iran displays an intransigence to making progress."
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

FEB. 28, 2022

"**There is very little time remaining** to [return to full implementation of the JCPOA]"
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

MAR. 11, 2022

"**Time is getting extremely short** … I'm not overly optimistic at the prospects of actually getting an agreement."
– Antony Blinken
Secretary of State

APR. 6, 2022

"**We cannot continue like this forever**, because in the meantime Iran continues developing their nuclear program."
– Josep Borrell
E.U. High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

MAY 7, 2022

"If Iran… rejects all of the ideas that we put forward, **there will be a collapse of the talks**."
– *Senior U.S. Official*

MAY 7, 2022

"The window of opportunity **will close in a few weeks**."
– Catherine Colonna
French Foreign Minister

JULY 12, 2022

"We're waiting for their response… But **we're not going to wait forever**."
– Joe Biden
President

JULY 14, 2022

"**The window is already closing quite rapidly**… at some point… this deal is no longer available."
– Robert Malley
Special Envoy for Iran

JULY 19, 2022

"We have not seen any indication that Iran is ready or willing at this stage to return to the JCPOA."
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

JULY 21, 2022

"I've concluded that the space for additional significant compromises **has been exhausted**."
– Josep Borrell
E.U. High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

JULY 26, 2022

"The deal… is still in our national security interest. **That will not be the case indefinitely**."
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

JULY 26, 2022

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