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

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

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

February 2022
Deal within days
"We can and should reach an understanding … within days."
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

FEB. 18, 2022

March 2022
"There is very little time remaining to [return to full implementation of the JCPOA]"
– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

MAY 7, 2022

April 2022
"Time is getting extremely short … I’m not overly optimistic at the prospects of actually getting an agreement."
– Antony Blinken
Secretary of State

JULY 19, 2022

May 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

JULY 14, 2022

June 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

July 2022
"The window is already closing quite rapidly… at some point… this deal is no longer available."
– Robert Malley
Special Envoy for Iran

JULY 12, 2022

July 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

July 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 14, 2022

July 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

July 2022
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– Ned Price
State Department Spokesperson

JULY 12, 2022

July 2022
"We’re waiting for their response… But we’re not going to wait forever."
– Joe Biden
President

JULY 19, 2022

July 2022
"The window of opportunity will close in a few weeks."
– Catherine Colonna
French Foreign Minister

JULY 26, 2022

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