

Iran Nuclear Deal: Out of Time, Dead, or Alive?

U.S. and EU policy on the Iran Nuclear Deal

“Talks cannot go on indefinitely.”

– Antony Blinken, Secretary of State

JULY 29, 2021

Time is running out

“Time is running short.”

– Antony Blinken, Secretary of State

NOV. 7, 2021

Only weeks left to reach a deal

The U.S. deadline will come “within weeks.”

– Jake Sullivan, National Security Advisor

DEC. 22, 2021

“We can and should reach an understanding ... potentially within days.”

– Ned Price, State Department Spokesperson

FEB. 23, 2022

Deal within days

Iran’s response to EU’s “final text” for JCPOA revival “is clearly a step backward and makes prospects for an agreement in the near-term, I would say, unlikely.”

– Antony Blinken, Secretary of State

SEPT. 12, 2022

“The window is already closing quite rapidly... at some point, I think it will become obvious to everyone that this deal is no longer available.”

– Robert Malley, Special Envoy for Iran

JULY 19, 2022

“We’re waiting for their response... But we’re not going to wait forever.”

– Joe Biden, President

JULY 14, 2022

“We are prepared to walk away if Iran displays an intransigence to making progress.”

– Ned Price, State Department Spokesperson

FEB. 28, 2022

Prepared to walk away

Mahsa Amini dies while in the custody of Iranian morality police.

SEPT. 16, 2022

Pursuing nuclear talks “is not our focus right now.”

– Ned Price, State Department Spokesperson

OCT. 12, 2022

“[The JCPOA] is dead, but we’re not gonna announce it. Long story.” (private comment)

– Joe Biden, President

NOV. 4, 2022

“The JCPOA is not on the agenda because of Iran’s position.”

– Robert Malley, Special Envoy for Iran

DEC. 1, 2022

“We continue to believe that diplomacy is the best way to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.”

– Antony Blinken, Secretary of State

DEC. 4, 2022

Deal is dead

Diplomacy never ends

Diplomacy is “still the priority... Diplomacy never ends.”

– Robert Malley, Special Envoy for Iran

JAN. 30, 2023

“I don’t know any better way than the JCPOA.”

– Josep Borrell, European Union High Representative for the Union for Foreign Affairs

JAN. 18, 2023

“The Iranians killed the opportunity to come back to [the JCPOA] swiftly many months ago... It’s not our focus.”

– Antony Blinken, Secretary of State

JAN. 13, 2022

“We continue to believe that diplomacy is the best way to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon.”

– Lloyd Austin, Secretary of Defense

JAN. 10, 2023

Diplomacy never ends

Deal is dead

“As far as I know, there is not an alternative to this deal to try to avoid Iran becoming nuclear.”

– Josep Borrell, European Union High Representative for the Union for Foreign Affairs

FEB. 6, 2023

“There is no chance today of us going back to the negotiating table.”

– Tom Nides, U.S. Ambassador to Israel

FEB. 19, 2023

“[T]he most effective, sustainable way to deal with the challenge is through diplomacy. But...those efforts are on the backburner... But the door is always open to diplomacy going forward.”

– Antony Blinken, Secretary of State

FEB. 21, 2023

Deal is dead

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