

The Iran MOU: Did the U.S. Understand the Assignment?



	Trump's War Aims	Trump's Deal Aims	MOU	JCPOA (2015)
Nuclear	"Can <u>never obtain</u> a nuclear weapon"	"Will <u>not allow in any way</u> , shape, or form nuclear weapons" " <u>No enrichment</u> " "Enriched material ... will be unearthed ... and <u>destroyed</u> "	Iran commits to "never produce nuclear weapons" + preserve nuclear status quo until final deal U.S. + Iran to "resolve the disposition" of uranium via mutually agreed mechanism, at min. downblending Future enrichment left to next round of talks No mention of inspections; IAEA resolutions terminated	Iran commits to never "develop or acquire any nuclear weapons" Iran must reduce HEU stockpile + dismantle majority of centrifuges Iran can enrich uranium within set parameters + subject to inspections
Missiles	" <u>Destroying Iran's missile capabilities</u> "	Not mentioned	Not mentioned <i>Trump: "if other countries have [missiles], it's a <u>little bit unfair</u> for [Iran] not to have some"</i>	Not mentioned
Lebanon	N/A	"In <u>no way</u> subject to Lebanon"	Directly ties Iran + Lebanon fronts; forbids Israel from striking Hezbollah	N/A
Proxy Support	" <u>Cannot continue to arm, fund, + direct terrorist armies</u> "	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	Not mentioned
Conventional	" <u>Annihilating their navy</u> "	Not mentioned	No U.S. strikes on Iran or proxies in future + U.S. agrees to remove forces from areas near Iran	Not mentioned
Regime	" <u>Take over your government. It will be yours to take.</u> "	Not mentioned	U.S. commits to not interfere in Iran's internal affairs	Not mentioned
Sanctions Relief	N/A	"Unlike Obama's payments ... <u>no money</u> will exchange hands"	U.S. + partners give Iran \$300bn Lifts "all" U.S. + UN sanctions Due to sanctions relief, Iran gains access to est. \$ <u>120-160bn</u> in unfrozen funds + est. \$ <u>70bn/yr</u> in energy exports	U.S. conditionally <u>lifts</u> most sanctions Iran gets \$ <u>1.7bn</u> from U.S. (not part of JCPOA text) Iran gains access to est. \$ <u>50-100bn</u> in unfrozen funds