



THE WAR ON IRAN:

How we got here, what might come next, and what we have to do about it





THE BUILD-UP

2015-2025





2015: The JCPOA or “Iran Nuclear Deal”

1. **Limits** on the extent and purpose of Iranian uranium enrichment
2. **International oversight** of Iranian nuclear facilities
3. Some US sanctions were repealed
4. Iran was not attempting to develop a nuclear weapon.





2018: Trump Kills the JCPOA

1. Iran was in full compliance with the JCPOA.
2. Trump withdrew from the deal because he didn't like it.
3. US Withdrawal dealt a major blow to international trust in the U.S.
4. Iran maintained international oversight until July 2025, after it was attacked.





2020: “The Deal of the Century”

1. Trump & Kushner’s proposal for ending the Arab-Zionist struggle
2. Provisions included:
 - a. No Right of Return
 - b. The end of Palestinian armed struggle
 - c. The end of international legal action against Israel
 - d. A disarmed, non-contiguous Palestinian state with no control of borders or airspace
 - e. No guarantees against Israeli annexation of the West Bank
 - f. Displacing all Gazans to Sinai?
 - g. Compensation for some Palestinians amounting to \$30k?





2023: October 7th and Fallout

1. Trump & Kushner's "**Deal of the Century**" and moving the US embassy
2. **Al Aqsa Flood**
3. Israel begins the genocide in Gaza
4. Hezbollah strikes Israel in response to the genocide
5. **Israel invades Lebanon**
6. Yemen halts Red Sea shipping, strikes Israel
7. **Israel strikes Iranian embassy** in Damascus
8. **True Promise One:** Iran strikes Israel with hundreds of drones and missiles

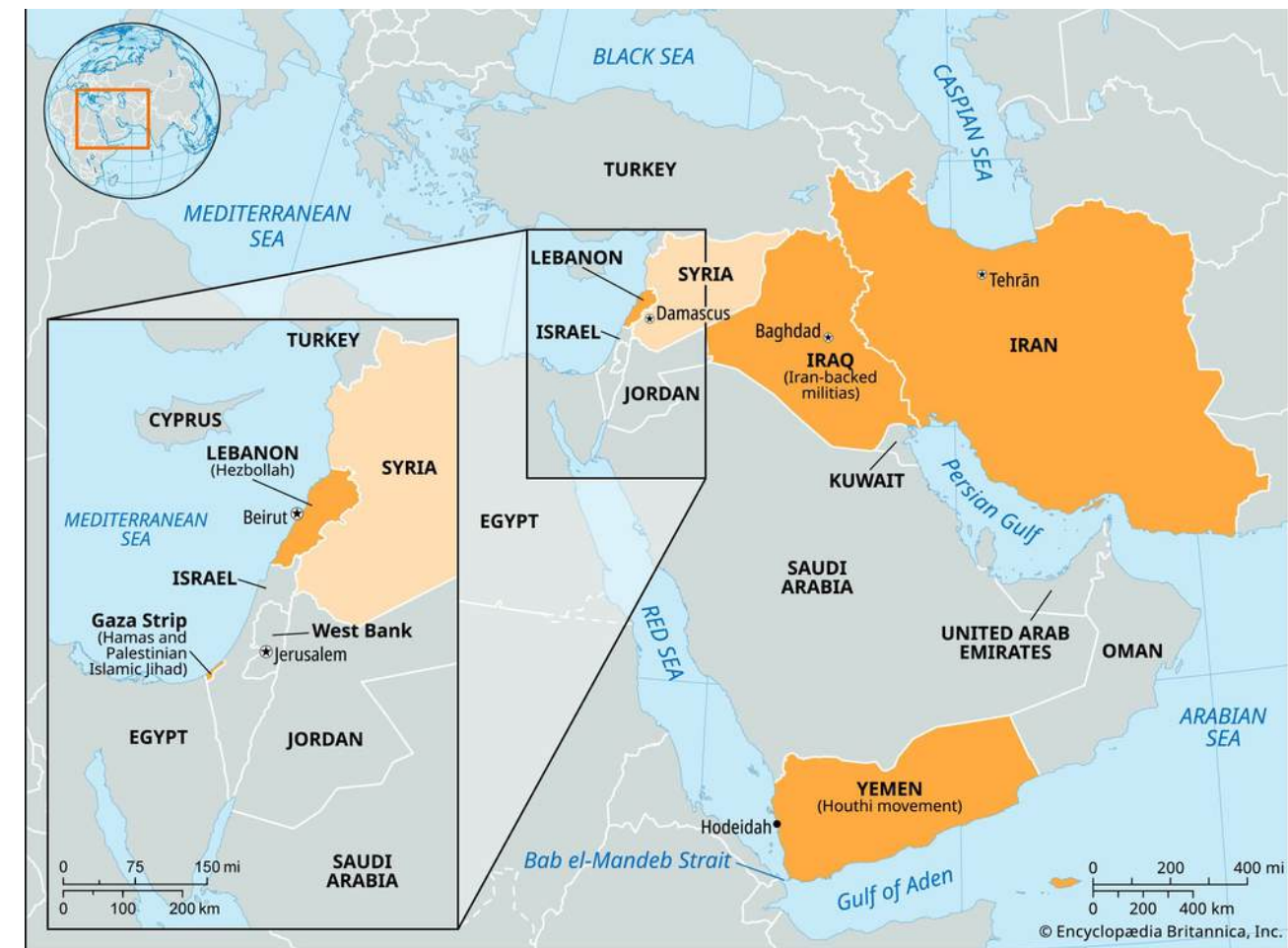




The Axis of Resistance:

An alliance of states and militarized groups, who have a common interest in fighting US Imperialism and Israel. They are also joined by religious and ideological ties.

- Iran
- Yemen
- Syria (Until Dec. 2024)
- Hamas (Palestine)
- Popular Mobilization Forces (Iraq)
- Hezbollah (Lebanon)





2025: The 12-Day War

- US imposes unreasonable terms, negotiations fall apart
- Israel attacks Iran, killing many civilians and IRGC commanders
- Iranian strikes on Israel strained air defenses, caused damage in Tel Aviv
- U.S. (ineffectively) strikes Fordow, Natanz and Isafahan Nuclear Sites in Iran





2026: The War Begins

- January:
 - US indicates willingness to attack Iran
- February:
 - US military build-up
 - Final round of US-Iran negotiations
- The Shifting Narrative:
 - “Protecting Protestors”
 - “Ending Iran’s nuclear program” (again)
 - “Israel is going to attack anyway, so we might as well join in”





TIMELINE OF THE CONFLICT

FEB. 28. 2026 - APR. 8. 2026





Initial US-Israeli Attack

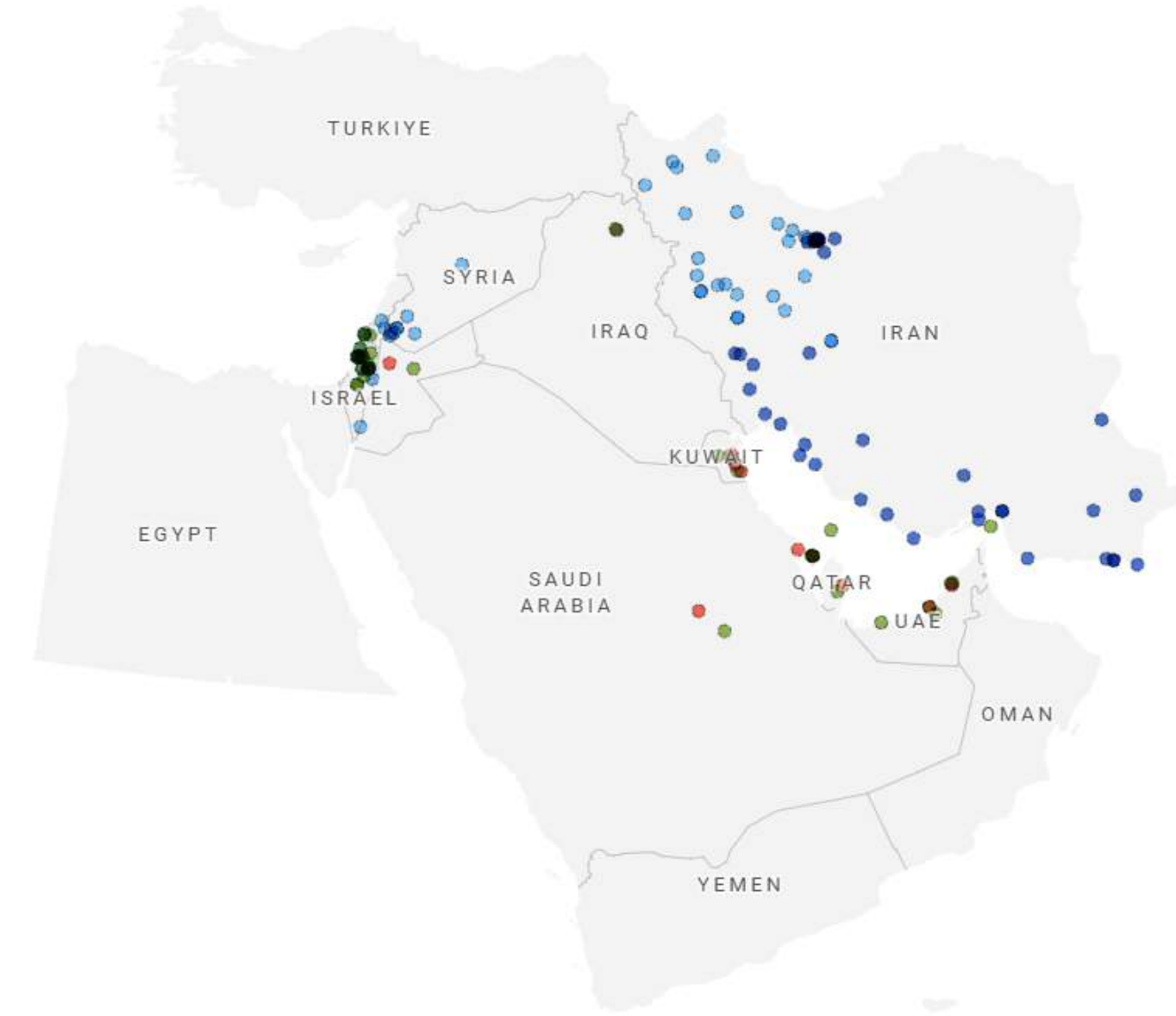
- Massive “shock and awe” airstrike campaign launched by US & Israel around 11 am Tehran time on Feb 28
 - More than 1,000 locations struck
- Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, IRGC commander Mohammad Pakpour, and several other top officials assassinated
- US struck Shajareh Tayyebbeh Elementary School in Minab
 - Strike murdered at least 175 people including over 100 elementary school girls

US-Israel war on Iran: February 28

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● US-Israeli forces ● Arab forces ● Iranian forces ● Other armed groups



Hover/click on each dot for more information. Strike locations are approximate.

Source: [Armed Conflict Location and Event Data \(ACLED\)](#)





Week 1 (Feb 28 - Mar 7)

- **Iran quickly retaliated after initial strikes, targeting Israel as well as US-linked military sites and energy infrastructure in seven other countries**
- US THAAD radar system at Muwaffaq Salti Air base destroyed
- US Navy's Fifth Fleet HQ in Bahrain heavily damaged
- Iranian drones damaged QatarEnergy facility, wiping out 17% of Qatar's liquid natural gas exports



Destroyed radar systems at Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, Jordan.



Damaged warehouse at US Navy 5th Fleet HQ, Bahrain.





Week 1 (Feb 28 - Mar 7)

- Hezbollah launched multiple missiles into northern Israel to push IOF to withdraw from territories occupied in Lebanon
 - Israel launched ground invasion of Lebanon in response
- US submarine torpedoed the Iranian frigate IRIS Dena near Sri Lanka, killing around 80 Iranian sailors
- US/Israeli strikes targeted several oil depots and refineries around Tehran



Smoke/oil-soot from strikes on oil depots/refineries around Tehran.

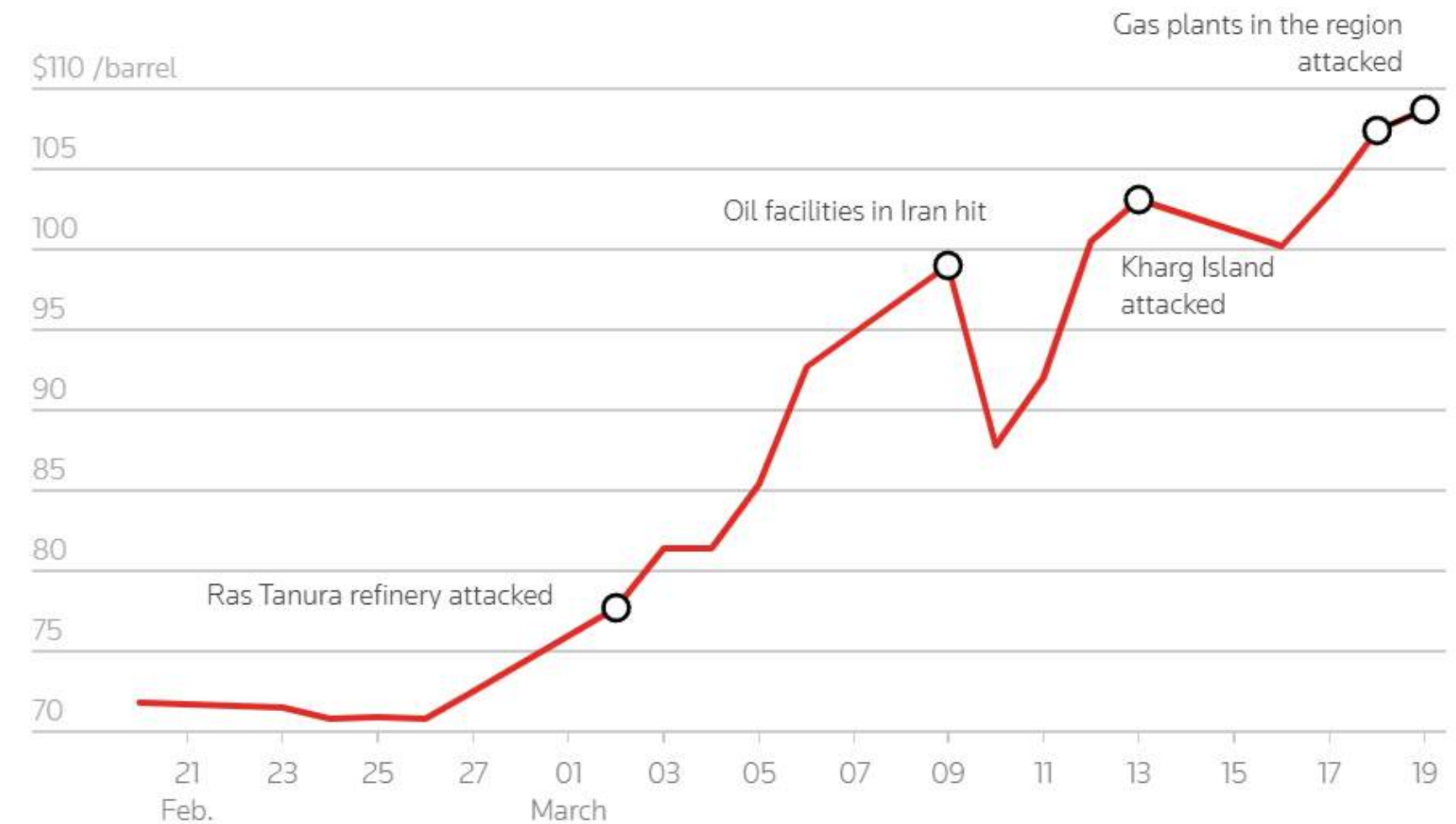




Iran's Strategy: Make War Unsustainable

Iran's strategy to make war unsustainable:

1. Attack oil and natural gas infrastructure in West Asia (mostly in Gulf countries) that the US and Global North rely on
2. Block the Strait of Hormuz
 - a. 1/3 of maritime oil shipments, 1/5 of natural gas
 - b. Over 20 ships struck by missiles/drones



Oil prices in Feb-March. Source: [Reuters](#)





Week 2 (Mar 8 - 14)

- **Iran's Assembly of Experts elected Mojtaba Khamenei as the country's new Supreme Leader**
- US KC-135 refueling aircraft crashed in Iraq, killing all 6 crew members aboard
- Over 800,000 people in Lebanon forced from their homes by Israeli assaults
 - Israel destroyed the civilian Zrarieh Bridge in Southern Lebanon
- Near the end of the week, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian set three conditions for ending war



Mojtaba Khamenei.



KC-135 Stratotanker (top left).





Week 3 (Mar 15 - 21)

- **Israel assassinated Ali Larjani, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council**
- Israel struck Iran's South Pars gasfield, the world's largest natural gasfield
- Number of displaced people in Lebanon rose to over one million
- Joe Kent, director of the US National Counterterrorism Center, resigned in protest of the Iran War
 - *"Iran posed no imminent threat to our nation, and it is clear that we started this war due to pressure from Israel and its powerful American lobby"*



Ali Larjani.



Week 4 (Mar 22 - 28)

- **Trump threatened to "obliterate" Iran's power plants if it failed to open the Strait of Hormuz within 48 hours**
- The US sent two Marine Expeditionary Units toward West Asia
- Israel's finance minister Bezalel Smotrich said that "the new Israeli border must be the Litani [River]"
- The US sent a 15-point ceasefire plan to Iran, which Iran rejected as "maximalist"



Donald J. Trump

@realDonaldTrump · Mar 21

If Iran doesn't FULLY OPEN, WITHOUT THREAT, the Strait of Hormuz, within 48 HOURS from this exact point in time, the United States of America will hit and obliterate their various POWER PLANTS, STARTING WITH THE BIGGEST ONE FIRST! Thank you for your attention to this matter. President DONALD J. TRUMP

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Week 5 (Mar 29 - Apr 4)

- **Trump made repeated threats to attack Kharg Island and “take the oil”**
- Trump made repeated threats against civilian infrastructure in Iran
- US bombed and destroyed B1 Bridge in Karaj, the largest bridge in West Asia
- Iran shot down a US F-15, prompting a search effort during which crew members were rescued



The United States of America is in serious discussions with A NEW, AND MORE REASONABLE, REGIME to end our Military Operations in Iran. Great progress has been made but, if for any reason a deal is not shortly reached, which it probably will be, and if the Hormuz Strait is not immediately “Open for Business,” we will conclude our lovely “stay” in Iran by blowing up and completely obliterating all of their Electric Generating Plants, Oil Wells and Kharg Island (and possibly all desalinization plants!), which we have purposefully not yet “touched.” This will be in retribution for our many soldiers, and others, that Iran has butchered and killed over the old Regime’s 47 year “Reign of Terror.” Thank you for your attention to this matter. President DONALD J. TRUMP

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Severed B1 Bridge in Karaj, Iran.



Iran's Strategy: Target Big Tech

- On March 31, Iran released a statement listing 18 companies as legitimate targets due to their enabling of the US-Israeli War
- Iran struck an Amazon cloud computing center in Bahrain on April 1
 - The same site had previously been attacked on March 1 along with another in the UAE



Companies among the 18 named by Iran as military targets.



US/Israeli Crimes: Cultural Centers



Golestan Palace, UNESCO World Heritage site.



Azadi Hall, 12,000-person sports stadium.



Rafi-Nia Synagogue in Tehran completely destroyed in Israeli airstrike.







Week 6 (Apr 5 - 8)

- On April 7, Trump threatened that “a whole civilization will die tonight” if Iran didn’t make a peace agreement with the US
- Trump abruptly backed off of threats on April 8, agreeing to proceed with negotiations and a ceasefire
- Israel immediately broke ceasefire, carrying out its largest coordinated strikes against Lebanon on April 8



Donald J. Trump  
@realDonaldTrump · Apr 7

A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again. I don't want that to happen, but it probably will. However, now that we have Complete and Total Regime Change, where different, smarter, and less radicalized minds prevail, maybe something revolutionarily wonderful can happen, WHO KNOWS? We will find out tonight, one of the most important moments in the long and complex history of the World. 47 years of extortion, corruption, and death, will finally end. God Bless the Great People of Iran!

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Beirut during attacks on April 8.





ANALYSIS & CONCLUSIONS





The Ceasefire(s)


- Originally predicated on Iran's 10-point plan
- Talks held in Islamabad on 4/11 and 4/12
 - Inclusion of Lebanon in ceasefire
 - US blockade of Iranian ports
 - Iran opens strait of Hormuz
- Ceasefire expires on 4/22
 - More talks may be held before then
- A ceasefire in Lebanon began on 4/16





Iran's 10-Point Plan

1. **U.S. commitment to ensure no further acts of aggression;**
2. Continued Iranian control of the Strait of Hormuz;
3. Acceptance of Iran's nuclear enrichment rights;
4. **Lifting of all primary sanctions;**
5. Lifting of all secondary sanctions;

6. Termination of all United Nations Security Council resolutions against Iran;
 7. Termination of all International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors resolutions against Iran;
 8. Payment of damages to Iran for loss in the war;
 9. **Withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from the region;**
 10. **Cessation of hostilities on all fronts, including Lebanon.**
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Measures of Success:

Iranian Goals

- Re-establish deterrence
- (Now) Confirm its control over Hormuz
- End US military presence in the ME
- End the US-Israeli war against the Axis of Resistance
- Receive reparations from the US
- End US sanctions
- Secure the release of frozen Iranian assets

US Goals

- Regime change in Iran
- End all Iranian uranium enrichment
- Extract Iran's enriched uranium to a 3rd country
- End Iran's ballistic missile program
- End Iran's support for the Axis of Resistance
- (Now) Ensure the Strait of Hormuz remains open





Other Takeaways

- A draft is very unlikely in the short or medium term
- Trump is very obviously trying to get out of this war
- The pivot to China
- No easy off-ramps for the US
- **Solidarity against US aggression**





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