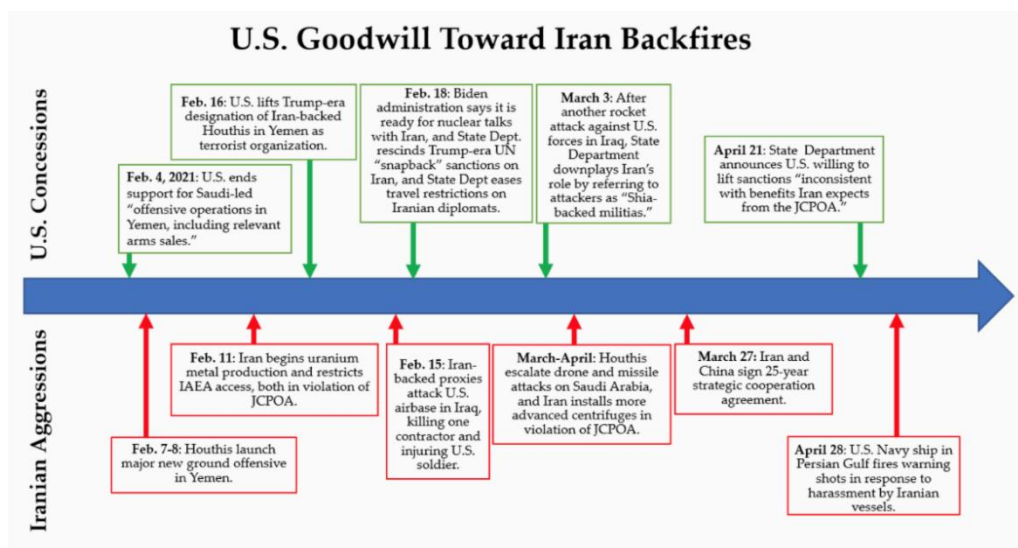




Good morning. Please see below for a press release and a report issued today on the dangers posed by the Biden administration's march toward a return to the Iran nuclear deal. The report, released by The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA), details how U.S. re-entry would make a Middle East war more likely by enabling, not preventing, a nuclear Iran.



*NOTE to graphics editors: This report contains high-quality, publishable graphics and a timeline depicting how the Iran nuclear deal paves the way for

an Iranian nuclear weapons program, and how the administration's efforts to show good faith toward Iran have failed.

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Washington, D.C., May, 25, 2021 – By [resuming](#) talks scheduled for today in Vienna on a return to the Iran nuclear deal, the Biden administration is undermining its own goals of trying to halt Iran's nuclear progress and avoid a destructive Middle East war that could divert U.S. attention from the president's other priorities, The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA) said today.

A [report](#) released today by the JINSA Gemunder Center for Defense and Strategy's Iran Policy Project outlines in stark detail how rejoining the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) would pave Iran's path to nuclear weapons within a decade and give Tehran sanctions relief and a green light to ramp up regional aggression. Rejoining the agreement, the report argues in a 25-page analysis, would also eliminate any U.S. leverage to pursue Biden's declared goal of a better follow-on nuclear deal.

The Iranian escalation from a re-entry would trigger a cascading series of events in which Israel would likely take military action against Iran, while a massive Iran-led retaliation could lead to a catastrophic conflict between Israel and Hezbollah – and draw in the United States. A wider regional proliferation, in which Egypt, Turkey and other nations pursue their own nuclear umbrellas, would become a very real possibility.

“Rather than promoting strategic stability through mutual deterrence,” the report says, “this would result in an uncontrollable multi-sided nuclear standoff in which everyone would have acute first-strike incentives.”

Yet even after the recent [fighting](#) between Israel and Hamas, the U.S. government is resuming the indirect [talks](#) with the Iranian regime that could spiral into yet another, even broader and much more intense, Middle East conflict. Those negotiations, reflecting President Biden’s often-stated [desire](#) to re-enter the nuclear deal, are the latest in a series of conciliatory gestures from the administration that have only encouraged Iranian obstinacy and put the Biden team’s goals even further out of reach, the JINSA report says.

“Rejoining the JCPOA in 2021 is more reckless than when the U.S. agreed to it in 2015. We’ve already seen how the JCPOA ignited greater Iranian aggression in the region even as it continued its nuclear program, and how Iran continues to refuse proper inspection of suspected nuclear sites,” said Michael Makovsky, JINSA’s president and CEO. “Rejoining suggests we’ve learned nothing from the past six years. In any case, the JCPOA’s restrictions on Iran’s nuclear program have already begun to sunset, as the agreement paves the way to a nuclear Iran, and rejoining will only make a major Israel-Iran war more likely.”

“As surely as night follows day, resurrecting the JCPOA guarantees that billions of dollars will flow to Iran and its regional terror network,” said JINSA Senior Fellow John Hannah. “Especially after what we’ve just witnessed in Gaza, it would border on strategic madness for the Biden administration to help underwrite Iran’s next war that will make the destruction of Israel’s recent conflict with Hamas look like a walk in the park by comparison.”

To set up interviews with Makovsky, Hannah or other JINSA experts on Iran, please contact JINSA communications director Jerry Markon at jmarkon@jinsa.org or 202-560-3560.