



## The U.S. Can Live Without an Iran Nuclear Deal but Can Israel?

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The Israelis may be at the point of being ‘punched out’. If you have hit an opponent over and over with everything you can think of and he just keeps punching back, then maybe you might want to try a different path to settle your dispute.

Media, which used to be terrified about publishing something about Israel that might trigger an Israeli assassination squad dressed up like Hezbollah ‘terrorists’ shooting up the annual employee summer picnic, seems to have lost some of its fear.

We now have an admission from Tel Aviv that there is no Israeli-Sunni coalition. What does that mean? We have seen the Arab embassies opening up in Tel Aviv, and their top Intel chiefs powwowing for some time now.

Someone is gaming the other, or maybe both are. Iran’s military claims it can inflict huge damage onto Israel in a retaliatory strike, but we have no idea how effectively Iranian missiles could get through the combined Israeli/US air defenses.

One nuke hitting Tel Aviv would be a wake up call for the Israelis, and the same for Iran when struck. But Israel is a smaller target, where a few nukes could make large areas unlivable. Depending which way the wind blew, it would affect neighbors, Palestinians included, as collateral damage.

Israel has demonstrated it can strike Iran, and has many times, but always careful not to cross the threshold of triggering a response. The small strikes on each other have been for primarily national prestige by looking tough.

If anything bad happens, we can blame the Repubs for it, as they killed the JCPOA and exploited the consequences, taking us now to the door of WWIII over one of the most corrupt regimes on the planet, the gangsters of Kiev... **Jim W. Dean ]**



The JCPOA remains on life support for a while

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**Israel's line for two decades now has been that a nuclear Iran is a grave danger. If that's the case, Israel shouldn't automatically oppose any deal meant to address the problem.**

"We do not have a deal ... and prospects for reaching one are, at best, tenuous," Rob Malley, Joe Biden's special envoy for Iran, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday.

Malley, viciously maligned and falsely accused in Israel as the main culprit,..., a man obsessed with "a quick agreement at any cost" – as the accusation has been in Israel – has demonstrated not only patience and reservations over the past year. He has also been honest to admit that the prospects of a renewed agreement are slim.

...A failure to reach a deal will potentially leave Israel alone to face Iran. There is no real "Sunni-Israeli

coalition,” and talk of an Israeli-Saudi-Emirati front to face Iran is more strategic fiction than a practical reality.

... but the United States has come to terms with the absence of a deal and the reality of Iran as a “nuclear threshold state.” That’s not the outcome the United States had hoped for, but it’s one it can live with.

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