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Iran's Bad Faith Behavior

Despite agreeing to a nuclear deal with the P5+1 on July 14, Iran has escalated its anti-Western rhetoric and pledged to increase support for its terrorist proxies. As Congress considers the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), it should take into account Iran's intentions to use the billions freed up by the JCPOA to support its malign activities in the Middle East. Below is a list of news articles highlighting a few of Iran's actions and threats over just the past week:

[Arms seized in Kuwait came from Iran: Kuwaiti newspapers](#)

Reuters

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Kuwaiti authorities discovered a huge arms cache seized in Kuwait last week was smuggled into the country from Iran. This story echoes last week's events in [Bahrain](#), where authorities broke up an Iranian arms smuggling ring. Iran is prohibited from exporting conventional arms for five years under the terms of UNSC Resolution 2231.

[Khamenei: Fate of nuclear deal unclear, US wants to use it 'to penetrate' Iran](#)

The Times of Israel and the Associated Press

August 17, 2015

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei issued a series of incendiary statements in a speech and on Twitter over the weekend. "We waste no efforts to shut ways of infiltration into the country. We'll allow neither economic, nor political, nor cultural intrusion of US," Khamenei tweeted. "Americans also try to penetrate into region. They want to disintegrate #Iraq & #Syria. We do not allow this and it won't happen by God help."

[Velayati: Iran More Powerful to Back Regional Allies after Nuclear Deal](#)

Tasnim News Agency (Iran)

August 15, 2015

Ali Akbar Velayati, a senior foreign policy adviser to Ayatollah Khamenei, boasted that the Iran nuclear deal will grant Iran greater resources to advance its revolutionary agenda in the Middle East. "The Islamic Republic of Iran will always support the current (Resistance Front) and of course, with the nuclear agreement, it will have more power to side with its friends in the region," he noted.

[Resistance axis must block US influence in region: Iran official](#)

Press TV (Iran)

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Velayati also said the duty of the resistance axis, including countries such as Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine “is not only to fight against the dominance of foreigners in their countries,” but also to cut the influence of the U.S. in the region.

[Zarif in Beirut: Nuke deal ‘historic opportunity’ to face Israeli threats](#)

The Times of Israel – Marisa Newman and Agence France Presse

August 12, 2015

Iran’s FM Javad Zarif met with Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah last week. “Zarif said from Beirut that the nuclear agreement between Tehran and the world powers created a historic opportunity ... for regional cooperation to fight extremism and face threats posed by the Zionist entity,” according to a report from Hezbollah’s Al-Manar news service.

[Araqchi says missile test halt not linked to nuclear deal](#)

Tehran Times (Iran)

August 17, 2015

Iran’s Deputy FM and chief nuclear negotiator, Abbas Araqchi, claimed that Iran is not bound by UNSC restrictions on its arms exports and ballistic missile program. “The restrictions on weapons posed through [U.N. Security Council] Resolution 2231 ... are not mandatory and we can disregard them,” Araqchi said.

[Click here](#) to see past instances of Iranian intransigence since the Iran nuclear deal was reached.