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Iran's Bad Faith Behavior

International endorsement of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) has empowered Iran's bad faith behavior. In the same week that Iran received business delegations from Europe and Asia, and the United Kingdom reopened its embassy in Tehran, Iran actively provoked confrontation with Israel and flaunted its determination to defy a United Nations arms embargo and ballistic missile restrictions. Iran's aggressive behavior may be a harbinger of future action as it prepares to receive a multi-billion dollar sanctions windfall – particularly if the international community fails to hold Iran accountable for its actions.

[Israel: Iran sponsoring rocket attacks](#)

Politico - Michael Crowley

August 24, 2015

A Palestinian Islamic Jihad cell operating in Syria, and acting under the orders of an Iranian Quds Force official, launched a rocket attack against Israel last week – the first use of rockets from Syria in over 40 years according to Israeli defense officials.

[Khamenei urges Islamic unity against real enemies: U.S. and Israel](#)

The Times of Israel - Itamar Sharon

August 22, 2015

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called upon the Islamic World to unite against its greatest enemies: the United States and Israel. Iranians "have realized that their real stubborn enemy is the world arrogance and Zionism and that's why they chant slogans against the U.S. and Zionism," said Khamenei.

[Parliament Advisor: No Change in Iran's Policy on Israel](#)

Fars News (Iran)

August 25, 2015

Hossein Sheikholeslam, the foreign affairs adviser to Iran's Speaker of Parliament Ali Larijani, challenged an assertion by British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond that Iran's government has adopted a more nuanced approach to its conflict with Israel. "Our positions against the usurper Zionist regime have not changed at all; Israel should be annihilated and this is our ultimate slogan," said Sheikholeslam.

[Iran unveils new missile, says seeks peace through strength](#)

Reuters

August 22, 2015

Iran unveiled a new ballistic missile, the Fateh 313, flaunting its ongoing ballistic missile activities. President Rouhani explicitly declared Iran's intention to continue flouting international law, stating, "We will buy, sell and develop any weapons we need and we will not ask for permission or abide by any resolution for that." Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Brigadier General Amirali Hajizadeh echoed Rouhani's defiant bravado, declaring, "We will have a new ballistic missile test in the near future that will be a thorn in the eyes of our enemies."

[Russia to deliver S300 within months: Dehghan](#)

Fars News (Iran)

August 23, 2015

Iran and Russia completed a contract for the delivery of S-300 surface-to-air missile defense systems by the end of 2015, according to Iran's Mehr News. Noting Iran's intention to flout the embargo on conventional arms transfers and ballistic missile development, Iran's defense minister declared, "We design ballistic, cruise, and defensive missiles in accordance with our needs and the range of our missiles will be proportional to the threat element."

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