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Iran’s Bad Faith Behavior

Despite the July 14 announcement of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Iran has continued its bad faith behavior. Below is a list of news articles highlighting Iran’s recent actions.

**Exclusive: Quds Force commander Soleimani visited Moscow, met Russian leaders in defiance of sanctions**

*Fox News – Jennifer Griffin, Lucas Tomlinson*
August 6, 2015

Iranian Quds Force Commander Qassem Soleimani recently traveled to Russia in clear violation of a mandatory U.N. Security Council Resolution banning him from international travel, according to Western intelligence sources. As head of the Quds Force, Soleimani directs Iran’s support for terrorist proxies in the Mideast and is behind the deaths of hundreds of U.S. troops.

**Inspectors So Far Denied Access to Iran’s Scientists**

*The Wall Street Journal – Jay Solomon and Kristina Peterson*
August 5, 2015

Iran continues stonewalling the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) probe into the suspected military dimensions of its nuclear program, denying access to key nuclear scientists and military officers, according to IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano.

**Iran attempting to clean up suspected nuclear site at Parchin**

*CNN – Jim Sciutto and Deirdre Walsh*
August 5, 2015

Satellite imagery shows that Iran has moved heavy construction equipment to the Parchin military base, in an apparent effort to sanitize the area ahead of the arrival of international inspectors, according to a senior intelligence official. Iran is suspected of carrying out illicit testing of nuclear detonators at the site.

**Bahrain says foils arms smuggling bid, recalls Iran envoy**

*Reuters – Maha El Dahan and William Maclean*
July 25, 2015

Bahrain broke up an Iranian arms smuggling plot, arresting two suspects who admitted to receiving explosives, automatic weapons and ammunition from Iranian handlers outside Bahrain’s territorial waters.
Iran is prohibited from exporting conventional arms for five years under the terms of UNSC Resolution 2231.

Iran: Sanctions regime has collapsed, never to return
The Times of Israel – Times of Israel Staff
August 4, 2015

“The structure of the sanctions that the U.S. had built based on the U.N. Security Council’s resolutions was destroyed. And like the 1990s, when no other country complied with the US sanctions against Iran, no one will accept the return of the sanctions (in the future),” boasted Iranian FM Javad Zarif.