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Western spies say Iran not making nukes – NYT

US President Donald Trump has escalated threats against Tehran, warning that time was “running out” for a nuclear deal



06 Maxar satellite imagery provides a second close-up view of the Isfahan nuclear facility showing severe damage after airstrikes, Isfahan Nuclear Technology Center, Iran, June 22, 2025. © Getty Images/Maxar

Western intelligence agencies see no indication that Iran is enriching uranium for “*bomb-grade material*,” the New York Times has reported, citing sources. While activity has been detected at nuclear sites, including those damaged by last year’s strikes, no high-level enrichment is underway, the report claims.

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carried out coordinated strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, justifying the campaign as preventing Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons – an ambition Iran denies. The attacks targeted the Fordow and Natanz enrichment plants and the Isfahan research center.

In its report published on Thursday, the NYT claimed uranium buried at the struck sites – material closest to weapons-grade levels – remains in place. Work at the sites appears limited to excavation aimed at creating more secure facilities. No new nuclear sites have been detected, though limited activity has been observed at two incomplete sites near Natanz and Isfahan, according to the paper.

Trump claimed the strikes *“obliterated”* Iran’s enrichment capacity, but according to the newly released US National Defense Strategy, they only *“significantly degraded”* the program. Sources told the NYT that Iran could restart centrifuges in two months and reach bomb-grade enrichment in up to a year once it retrieves its buried fuel.

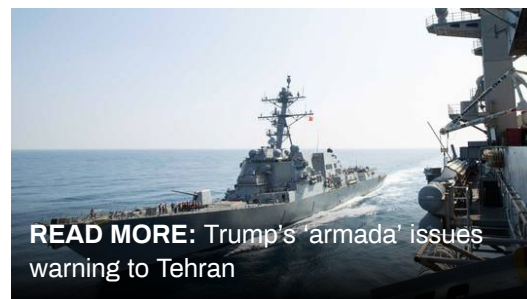
Trump has escalated threats against Iran this week, shifting from condemning its response to anti-government protests – framed by Tehran as a foreign-backed insurrection – to issuing nuclear ultimatums. On Wednesday, he announced a *“massive armada”* was heading toward Iran, ready to use *“violence”* unless Tehran negotiates a nuclear deal. On Friday, Trump said he had set a deadline for the talks, warning cryptically: *“If we don’t make a deal, we’ll see what happens.”*



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Iran responded defiantly, with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi saying Tehran was *“ready for war”* and would consider US proposals for negotiations only if the military threat was removed.

“Negotiations cannot take place under the shadow of threats,” he stated in Istanbul on Friday, while



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on a visit to explore a possible mediation initiative.

Iran's top security chief, Ali Larijani, met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Friday, reportedly to discuss Trump's threats.

Moscow has urged the US to avoid military action in Iran and pursue negotiations, with Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov warning this week that "any forceful actions can only create chaos in the region," and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov saying Russia was ready to help defuse tensions and facilitate talks.

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Whistles say that yesterday morning a secret meeting was held. Two list was made.

List of the most wanted countries: (For the first time Russia was cited before China and Iran was cited before North Korea. Saudi Arabia was right next to North Korea followed by Qatar and UEA...). Golf Countries luxury development might be the reason including their culture and religion (Islam).

The second list was about rival countries. Only China and Russia was mentioned (in this order).

It is said “we will start building more powerful weapons in a complete discretion and secretly”. The goal will be to surprise the enemies and to take them down once for all. More investment will be allocated to that project and the delivery time will be shortened.

I am glad because it seems as no wars will be launched. But, always be ready more than 50% voted for a war. But, they said they are not ready for it. And, that’s the only reason they might not start anything.

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F Fair Dinkum 1/31/2026 at 5:19 PM

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Russia and China need to step up to the table and protect their allies or they might just find themselves suddenly alone and easily squashed.

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M Mechyuda 1/31/2026 at 5:28 PM ↕

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I agree that Russia & China need to do a lot more with building international military logistics for international defense, but this requires the cooperation of other nations. This international cooperation requires long-term political + military agreements, expensive economic support for military partnerships, better positive reinforcement + complementary synergy of civilian economies, improvements in customized solutions for dissimilar communities + unique peoples + peculiar individuals + wildlife, etc.

Regarding Iran, Russia & China need reliable & robust access through Central Asia &/or Pakistan to defend Iran. Iran also needs to work within a team in which Iran is usually the junior partner. So far, Iran acts like a lone wolf with delusions of grandeur. Imperial NATO's mafia racket & \$|-|7-rael could cripple but not control Iran, especially over the long-term.

Concerning Venezuela & Cuba, as of now, those 2 nations are too far from Russia & China, & too near the Z(!)nist US empire. Russia & China need the cooperation of South America to defend Venezuela & Cuba from imperial predators & parasites.

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Ara 1/31/2026 at 5:19 PM

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Iran would be much more better off now if it had actually developed a nuclear bomb decades ago.

Let this sink in for a moment if you are Iranian.

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 **Oh Shit** 1/31/2026 at 5:18 PM 1

Name one time when Trump ever spoke the truth....just one?

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Got It, but rest assured they're preparing your cove.
Get Lost USA, you have no chance against the weapons
Have a go & Try ?

so assured of your NAVY, bathtub junk.



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 **Juan D** 1/31/2026 at 3:01 PM 0

California is Latin American territory

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 **John Deere** 1/31/2026 at 5:06 PM -2

Meanwhile russia gets bombed daily like a 3rd world nation

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 **T-Logic** 1/31/2026 at 5:14 PM 0

Agreed

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And Trump said: «who cares about the facts, I'm guided by my morals.»

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 **Sandy Coleman** 1/31/2026 at 5:13 PM 0