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# The Effect of the Dissolving JCPOA on the Power Dynamics in the Middle East



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# What is the JCPOA?



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“..Ensure that Iran’s Nuclear programme will be exclusively peaceful and mark a fundamental shift in their [the members of the JCPOA] approach to this issue..This JCPOA will positively contribute to regional peace and security”<sup>1</sup>

1. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, U.S.-Islamic Republic of Iran-China-France-Germany-The Russian Federation-U.K.-E.U, Jul. 14, 2015, pg 1..

# **Iran and The JCPOA: A Brief History**

## CIA Overthrows Mosaddeq

The CIA coup overthrows Premier Mosaddeq, and in states the pro-western Shah

1967

## The Iranian Revolution

The Shah was ousted and the anti-western Ayatollah Khomeini established a theocracy

1979

2015

## President Trump backs out of the JCPOA

President Trump decides to pull the U.S. out of the JCPOA, confident a better deal can be reached.

1953

## Iran's Nuclear Program Begins

Under his famous "Atoms for Peace" Campaign, a deal is made in which Iran receives a nuclear reactor from the U.S.

## Iranian Nuclear Deal Signed

In reaction to harsh sanctions and fear of nuclear development the JCPOA is signed

**How Does This Affect the  
Regional Power Dynamics?**

- I. Financial and banking transactions with Iranian banks and financial institutions as specified in Annex II, including the Central Bank of Iran...
- II. Transactions in Iranian Rial
- III. Provisions of U.S. banknotes to the Government of Iran
- IV. Bilateral trade limitations on Iranian revenues abroad, including limitations on their transfer
- V. Purchase, subscription to, or facilitation of the issuance of Iranian sovereign debt, including governmental bonds
- VI. Financial messaging services to the Central Bank of Iran and Iranian financial institutions..
- VII. Underwriting services, insurance, or reinsurance
- VIII. Efforts to reduce Iran's crude oil sales
- IX. Investment, including participation in joint ventures, goods, services, information, technology and technical expertise and support for Iran's oil... sectors
- X. Purchase, acquisition, sale, transportation or marketing of petroleum, petrochemical products and natural gas from Iran
- XI. Export, sale or provision of refined petroleum products and petrochemical products to Iran
- XII. Transactions with Iran's energy sector
- XIII. Transactions with Iran's shipping and shipbuilding sector and port operators
- XIV. Trade in gold and other precious metals
- XV. Trade with Iran in Graphite , raw or semi-finished metals such as aluminum and steel, coal and software for integrating industrial processes
- XVI. Sale, Supply or transfer of goods and services used in connection with Iran's automotive sector
- XVII. Sanctions on associated services for each of the categories above
- XVIII. Remove individuals and entities set out in Attachment 3 to Annex II from the SDN List, the Foreign Sanctions Evaders List
- XIX. Terminate Executive Orders 13574, 13590, 13622, and 13645, and Sections 5-7 and 15 of Executive Order 13628



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## US labels Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard Corps a 'terror group'

Iran responded to the US move by calling US forces in the region 'terrorist groups', Iranian state TV reported.



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## Trump vetoes bill to end US involvement in Yemen war

Congress had earlier voted to invoke the War Powers Resolution to try and stop US involvement in a foreign conflict.



# Rise of Iran's Rivals: Saudi Arabia and Israel



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