



The Iran–U.S. Trigger List

Golan/MERV/Tanf 28 July

The U.S. [designated](#) “eight Syrian prisons run by the Assad regime’s intelligence apparatus... and five senior security officials of regime entities that control these detention facilities”. It also blacklisted “Syrian armed group Ahrar al-Sharqiya... [and] two of the group’s leaders”.

Riyadh/Yemen 28 July

The Saudi-led coalition [reported](#) downing two Huthi drones and three ballistic missiles bound for Jizan.

Tehran 28 July

Meeting with the outgoing Rouhani government, Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei [remarked](#) that “it became clear in this administration that trusting the West will not work... Whenever you made our affairs contingent on reaching an agreement with the West and the U.S., you were unsuccessful”. On the Vienna talks, he said: “The Americans have stuck to their obstinate position. On paper and in words, they promise to remove the sanctions, but they have not and will not remove them... They say, ‘If you want the sanctions to be removed, we should include a clause in the agreement which states that we must negotiate and agree over certain matters in the future’”. “This clause is actually a pretext for their future interference”, Khamenei contended, adding: “This is about the JCOPA itself, about renewing it and about various other matters such as missiles and regional issues. If we say later on that we are not going to negotiate over these matters... they will say that there is no deal because we have supposedly violated it”. He also emphasised that “when they [ie, the U.S.] are told to promise and guarantee that they will not violate [the deal] another time, they respond that they cannot give such a guarantee”.

Washington 28 July

Referring to the incoming Raisi administration, an unnamed senior U.S. official [remarked](#) that “we... hope they don’t think they will get more than the previous government because they are tougher. It’s not about being tougher, it’s about fully implementing the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal. The U.S. position will not change, and the Iranians will not be able to reinvent the nuclear deal or be in situation where they do less and we do more”.

Israel 27 July

Minister of Defence Benny Gantz [asserted](#) that “we are in high preparedness to ensure Iran doesn’t get nuclear weapons”, adding: “We need a deal that is stronger, longer and more

comprehensive [than the JCPOA]... We are very familiar with their [ie, Iran's] deception tricks and their attempt to deceive world countries [regarding their nuclear program]. We are also revealing this information". Gantz further highlighted that "the Iranian regime has a negative influence both on the nuclear issue and in support for terror in the Middle East. We cannot stand by and turn a blind eye when an existential threat is hovering above our heads".

Tehran 27 July

Iran's government spokesperson [asserted](#) that "we are still committed to [the] return of all parties to their JCPOA obligations... As long as the U.S. and the other P4+1 members have not complied with all their commitments in the JCPOA, it would [be] meaningless to talk or even think about negotiations beyond that".

Tehran/Israel 27 July

Iran's intelligence ministry [announced](#) that it had uncovered "a network of agents" it claimed were linked to Israel, and seized "a large shipment of weapons and ammunition".