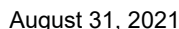


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trying to seduce Iran to the negotiating table. "We have made clear that continued nuclear escalations beyond JCPOA limits are unconstructive and inconsistent with a return to mutual compliance," U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price said recently.

Price added that "Iran has no credible need to produce uranium metal, which has direct relevance to nuclear weapons development." In other words, the U.S. is clear that Iran is close to nuclear weapons, yet it still believes diplomacy can work, despite mountains of evidence to the contrary.

Even as Western nations whisper sweet promises to Iran, the Islamic Republic has not reciprocated, nor has it been idle. Almost every month this year, Iran has demonstrated it is playing games with the West and has only hardened its positions.

The most obvious sign of hardening is Iran's new president, Ebrahim Raisi, a hardline cleric close to the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Known as the "Butcher of Tehran," Raisi was one of four judges who sat on secret tribunals set up in 1988 that came to be known as the "Death Committee," where thousands of political prisoners were murdered by the state.

Raisi has since purged the government of any so-called "moderates" who were involved in outreach to the West and the JCPOA deal, replacing them with far more extreme elements, like Ahmad Vahidi, who is wanted by Interpol over his role in 1994 AMIA Jewish center bombing in Buenos Aires, which killed 85 people.

Furthermore, in recent months, Iranian forces have been attacking tankers in international shipping lanes in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Oman. This came to a head with a deadly attack against the Mercer Street—a commercial ship that was peacefully transiting through the north Arabian Sea in international waters—killing a British and a Romanian citizen.

The U.S., the UK and NATO joined Israel in accusing Iran. "The UK condemns the unlawful and callous attack committed on a merchant vessel," British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said. "We believe this attack was deliberate, targeted, and a clear violation of international law by Iran."

Finally, Iran has increased its support and backing for various terrorist organizations., including Hizbullah and Hamas. In January 2021, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander Amir Ali Hajizadeh stated, "All the missiles you might see in Gaza and Lebanon were created with Iran's support." Since that time, Hamas launched nearly 5,000 rockets at Israel, killing 13 Israelis and wounding over 100.

In recent weeks, Hizbullah has also been using its Iranian-funded arsenal to pound communities in Israel's north. All of this while Lebanon is facing a humanitarian catastrophe, suffering scarce fuel, water and hospital supplies, which is largely blamed on the Shiite terror organization.

While these are a few of the recent lowlights of Iran's bad behavior, they are by no means the only examples. Clearly Iran feels emboldened by President Biden's enthusiasm for a return to the JCPOA and realizes that regardless of their behavior, open channels and potential concessions by the Americans will remain.

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After all, the Biden Administration is a highly motivated suitor. While it can't afford another foreign policy debacle, it desperately needs a win. But Mr. Biden should also realize that the challenges—and risks—when dealing with Iran are massive.

I hope you will point out to friends, family, colleagues and your elected representatives these three facts: First, there's no more dangerous or duplicitous actor in the Middle East than Iran. Second, there's no indication Iran even wants a deal, and their demands are always outrageous. Finally, even if Iran were to sign another deal, the President can be sure the ayatollahs will promptly cheat on it. That will not go down well in the mid-term elections in 2022, let alone the Presidential election in 2024.

Islamic radicals are naturally encouraged by America's retreat in Afghanistan and the effortless takeover by the Taliban—which has declared the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Experts are worried that Afghanistan will once again be a base for terrorist regimes like Al Qaeda and ISIS.

Rather than cozying up to Iran, the U.S. administration could counterbalance its growing reputation as appeasers by taking a harder line against Iran's true global threat. They should foremost end all contacts with Iran until it significantly reduces its uranium enrichment, definitively ends its nuclear weapons program, and stops its destabilizing presence in the region and beyond.

That would be a foreign policy win worth celebrating.

I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME's lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's new *hasbarah* campaign—which exposes “The Ugly Truth About Hamas” and those who support the terrorist group.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson

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P.S. During the war between Hamas and Israel last May, many mainstream media, as well as leftists and a few progressive politicians, opposed Israel's defensive actions against unprovoked missile attacks by the Palestinian terrorist group. Some even actively supported Hamas's aggression. This despite the fact that Hamas is one of the world's most oppressive and warlike ruling parties. To dispel the myth that Hamas is an “underdog” representing legitimate Palestinian interests, FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “[The Ugly Truth about Hamas](#).” I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which ran on July 4 in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and other media nationwide. It spells out specifically Hamas's avowed mission to kill Jews and destroy the State of Israel. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel

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