



President Trump is Calling Iran's Bluff

For months, President Trump has given Iran every opportunity to choose peace—but only if it ends its forever war on America, abandons its nuclear ambitions, and stops terrorizing Hormuz. By ramping up economic pressure on Iran's regime and calling its diplomatic bluffs, President Trump is convincing Tehran its defiance only accelerates its demise—and that it won't outlast America's resolve.

Iran's Regime Is Weaker Than Ever

- President Trump inherited an Iran [closer](#) than ever to a nuclear weapon and emboldened by years of appeasement. Since then, he's **generated the strongest leverage America has ever possessed against this regime**. Its military has been [battered](#), its nuclear ambitions [degraded](#), its economy squeezed, and its leaders [eliminated](#).
- **The U.S. is closer than ever to defeating the Islamic Republic**. America's control of the Strait of Hormuz continues to impose heavy [costs](#) on Iran: its economy is in shambles and the rial's exchange rate for dollars is [approaching](#) two million to one.
- **By resuming [strikes](#) and the Hormuz [blockade](#) last month, President Trump upped the ante on Iran**. These moves didn't just degrade Iran's capabilities—they showed Iran that attacks only prolong pressure and that it will not outlast U.S. resolve.
- **The media paints this conflict as Trump's choice, but that was always [false](#)**. Before Trump battered Iran, it was on the brink of going nuclear and being able to shield it with missiles and drones. Epic Fury denied Islamic terrorists the world's most dangerous weapons and stopped America, our servicemembers, and allies from being hit.
- Detractors want to label this an "endless war," as if we are locked in daily combat operations. **We've had a regional military presence for decades**—and though we're blockading Iranian port traffic, our posture reflects continuity with that history. America always retains the right to self-defense when our servicemembers are attacked.

Tehran Still Threatens America

- Operation Midnight Hammer and Epic Fury [obliterated](#) Iran's nuclear sites and degraded much of its military. **But that was never going to deliver [permanent victory](#). Those wins must be sustained** with pressure to stop the regime's recovery.
- No one wants this conflict to end more than President Trump, but it can only end when Iran **surrenders its nuclear program and stops holding commerce hostage**.
- America cannot tolerate terrorists controlling waterways like the Strait of [Hormuz](#), which would allow them to unleash global energy chaos and raise gas prices for Americans.
- **Iran's regime is down, but not out**. Despite the heavy blows they have suffered, these radical terrorists are foolishly refusing to stand down, instead working to [rebuild](#) their military [capabilities](#), find economic relief, and [protect](#) their nuclear program.
- **Iran still threatens our security**. Iran's ballistic missile [range](#) could [include](#) over 60 U.S. military [sites](#), over 100,000 U.S. troops, and millions of Americans abroad. They [refuse](#) to stop chasing a nuclear weapon—and there's every reason to believe they'd use it.

Iran's Intentions Have Not Changed

- We could have peace right now if Iran stopped attacking ships and accepted basic terms, like nuclear [inspections](#). **But Iran's regime doesn't want peace.** Every time the U.S. [extends](#) a diplomatic olive branch to Iran, the regime stalls, lies, and cheats.
- **This regime is run by Islamic terrorists committed to religious warfare.** As President Trump and Sec. Rubio have said, these are radical clerics who refuse to stop chasing a nuclear bomb because they are fanatics who believe in an apocalyptic ideology.
- **For diplomacy to work, Iran has to be serious about negotiations. Their actions prove the opposite.** The regime wants endless talks to string the U.S. along, get [relief](#), and rebuild its military. President Trump isn't falling for their stall tactics.

While Trump Blockades Iran, The Left is Blockading National Security

- **Leftists in Congress claim the regime is winning and stronger than before Trump's strikes.** That's absurd. Our military has dealt Iran blow after blow, left its nuclear program in rubble, its leaders dead, arsenal degraded, and [economy](#) on its knees.
- **Some are even rooting for America's defeat** and spreading propaganda, [accusing](#) the U.S. of starting the war, pretending Iran wasn't [killing](#) Americans until this year, and politicizing the military by [questioning](#) our sailors' ability to serve.
- **Many Democrats are even refusing to fund our military** because they [disagree](#) with Trump's Iran policy. All they are doing is punishing service members in harm's way. Iran couldn't be happier our lawmakers are holding America's security [hostage](#).
- **Progressives attack Trump's strategy, but they offer no serious alternative.** They condemn strikes, then attack diplomacy. Their only position is [opposing](#) Trump.
- **President Trump's strategy is light-years ahead of Obama and Biden's, which was built on fantasy assumptions.** They negotiated with weakness, gave the regime cover and cash, and foolishly tried to buy nuclear restraint with appeasement.
- **The liberal media calls this an endless war, but they have it backwards.** The endless war would have been letting Iran continue its decades-long [campaign](#) of terror [against](#) America and our allies. **President Trump is stopping Iran's endless war.**

The Munitions Crisis Means We Should Build, Not Blink

- **Leakers disclosing U.S. munitions stockpile details are sabotaging national security.** They deserve to be jailed for helping Iran by revealing classified information.
- President Trump's critics are pointing to these reports to argue America should concede to Iran. That's ridiculous. **The answer is defeating the threats of today while out-building our adversaries so we can prepare for the threats of tomorrow.**
- Others say we must surrender to Iran to stop China, standing down in the Middle East to bolster deterrence in the Pacific. **That gives China what it wants:** Iran trapping America in perpetual conflict, our military stretched, and preoccupied with other threats.
- Striking Iran and reducing our short-term Pacific presence carry tradeoffs, but these dislocations are temporary. **Deterring China requires more than munitions**—it requires a stronger defense industrial base, credibility, and stability in other theaters.

- **America's munitions crisis predates the Iran conflict.** Conservatives warned for years about neglecting weapons production and military under-investments. Biden passed the problem to Trump after straining stockpiles in Ukraine and the Red Sea.
- **The Trump Administration is rebuilding our munitions capacity,** including with a [deal](#) to ramp up missile interceptor production. But rebuilding lost capacity requires funding from Congress and passing the NDAA, the supplemental, and reconciliation.
- **The same leftists complaining about munitions shortfalls refuse to fund their replenishment** after enabling Biden's failures and straining America's arsenal.

It's Time To Finish The Job

- President Trump has already accomplished what his predecessors failed to: decimating the world's top state sponsor of terrorism and proving that attacking America carries a massive price. **But these wins will only last if America refuses to blink.**
- Iran has survived for decades betting America will lose patience and make concessions. **President Trump needs to keep shattering that assumption by heaping pressure and [showing](#) Iran its only alternative to surrender is defeat.**
- President Trump's threats and strategic ambiguity are keeping Tehran guessing, but even with its economy cratered and military decimated, the regime is working to rebuild, rearm, and repress the Iranian people. Its leaders won't stop unless they are forced to.
- **President Trump is right to keep all options on the table**—including expanding strikes, [targeting](#) sites like Pickaxe Mountain, or even [seizing](#) land like Kharg Island.
- **The media pretends America's only options are a surrender deal or invasion.** That's a false choice. President Trump has plenty of options to escalate and keep Iran's regime on its heels—as he's shown by declaring economic warfare and targeting countries giving it financial lifelines.

The Bottom Line: By taking the fight to Iran's regime, President Trump is making America safer, stronger, and more prosperous. With sustained pressure, the U.S. can convince Tehran that its defiance only accelerates its demise—and that it will never get relief until it stops its endless war on America.