

Remember the Iran Talks?

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Washington Rejects Chatter on Extending Iran Talks

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Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (which just happen to be the five officially sanctioned nuclear-weapons states: US, Russia, England, France and China) are talking about how to resolve the problem of no one believing Iran when it says it is not making nuclear weapons.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks in Vienna at a May nuclear meeting with delegates from the five permanent U.N. Security Council member nations and Germany. *I don't get this sentence at all, since it is already June 3. Maybe there was a picture and this was the caption.*

The Obama administration on Monday said it has not abandoned efforts to reach a long-term atomic deal with Iran by July 20. (Dieter Nagl/AFP/Getty Images)

Washington insisted it is still trying to seal a final nuclear accord with Iran by next month, despite pessimistic comments by officials, [*al-Monitor*](#) reports.

"The United States is not signaling that we are prepared to extend the [Iran](#) nuclear negotiations, period," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf told the publication on Monday. She spoke after a high-ranking Obama insider reportedly voiced doubt that Washington and five other governments would finalize a long-term atomic agreement with Tehran by July 20, when an interim accord between the sides is scheduled to expire.

"We are working towards the July 20 date, and we believe we can meet that date," Harf said. "Of course, Iran will have to make tough decisions and the administration remains clear that no deal is better than a bad deal."

This is so stupid. Is this the way you talk if you want to make a deal? This is the way you talk if you want to provoke someone. Iran will have to make tough decisions, but we won't because we are so tough and right in all things. And if they don't like our deal, they can

shove it. Is this good negotiating technique? Does this make it easier or harder for Iran to say yes? War culture leaders have no idea how to solve problems.

Negotiators are pursuing an agreement to restrict Iran's weapon-usable atomic activities and lift sanctions against the Persian Gulf power.

Iran says it has never considered building nuclear arms. A top U.N. nuclear official, though, on Monday said his agency would not finish confirming that assertion by the July goal date set by Iran and the six other negotiating powers, [Reuters](#) reported.

"That is not our timeline. It is their timeline," International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Yukiya Amano said.

The IAEA chief said his organization "will take the necessary time to resolve all the outstanding issues" over claims that Iran has pursued scientific projects relevant to nuclear-bomb development.

Yukiya Amano will do exactly as he is told by the US. He is a total suck-up to the West and the nuclear industry.

Insiders have said any extension of the six-month interim deal may create new [problems](#) for negotiators, [al-Monitor](#) reported on Monday. Potential complications include the anticipated departures of two key participants in the discussions: European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and U.S. Undersecretary of State Wendy Sherman.

Former U.S. National Security Adviser Tom Donilon, though, said on Monday that "all the leverage is with the West because the bulk of the sanctions remain in place" against Iran.

So the West is definitely going to win this thing and Iran is going to have to submit to our dominance because we have all the power. We are soooo tough on Iran. Nobody can accuse us of being weak. No way. Look at us. Threatening to leave after July 20 and preferring no deal to a bad deal. Yes sir, those Iranians had better do what we say or else.

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