



IRAN At War



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- Iran's nuclear program
- Gaza and the 12-Day War
- The U.S./Israeli-Iran War
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Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,
President, 2005-2014

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Iran's Nuclear Program

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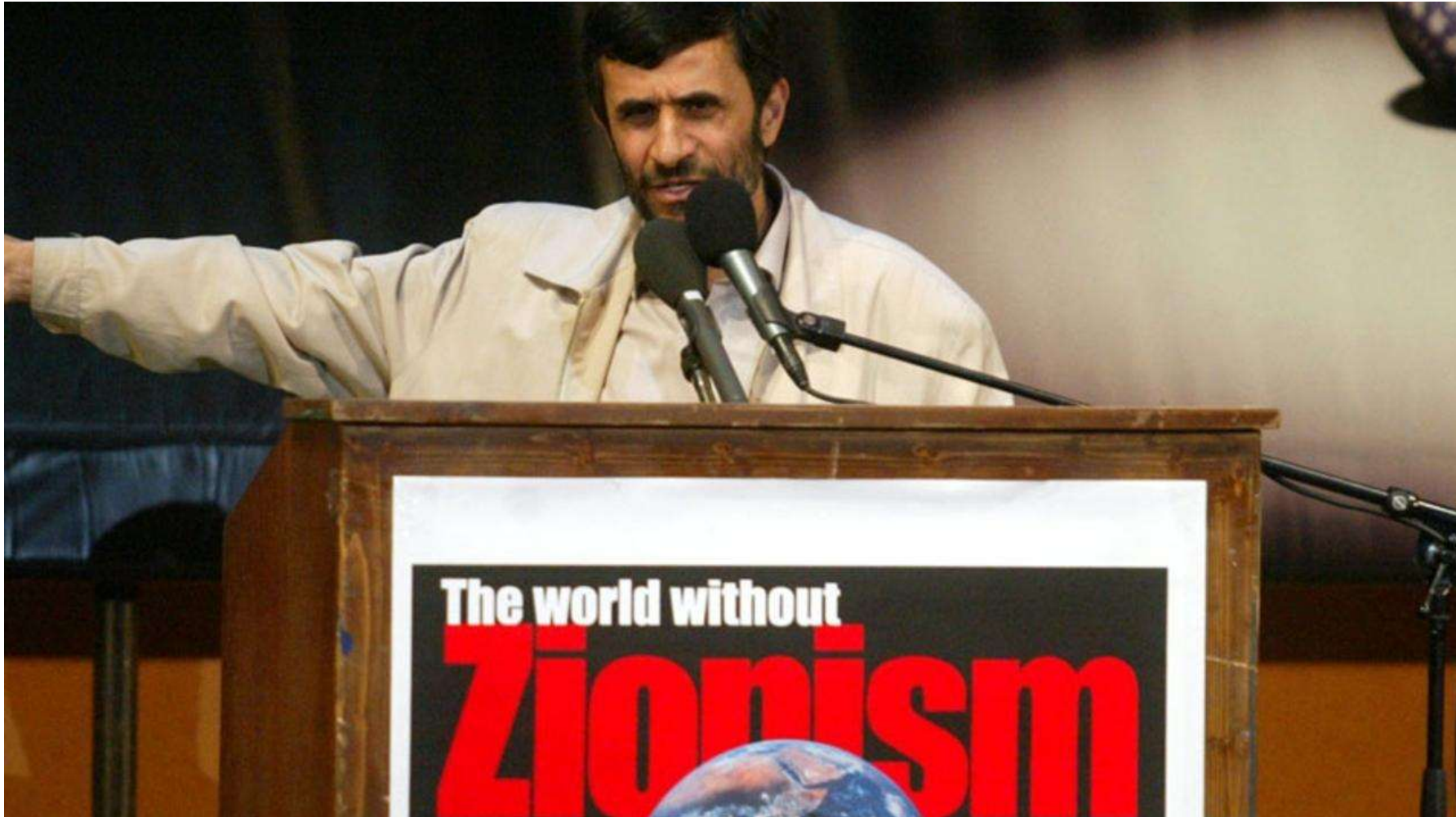
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10/26/2005 Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at the “World Without Zionism” conference in Tehran.

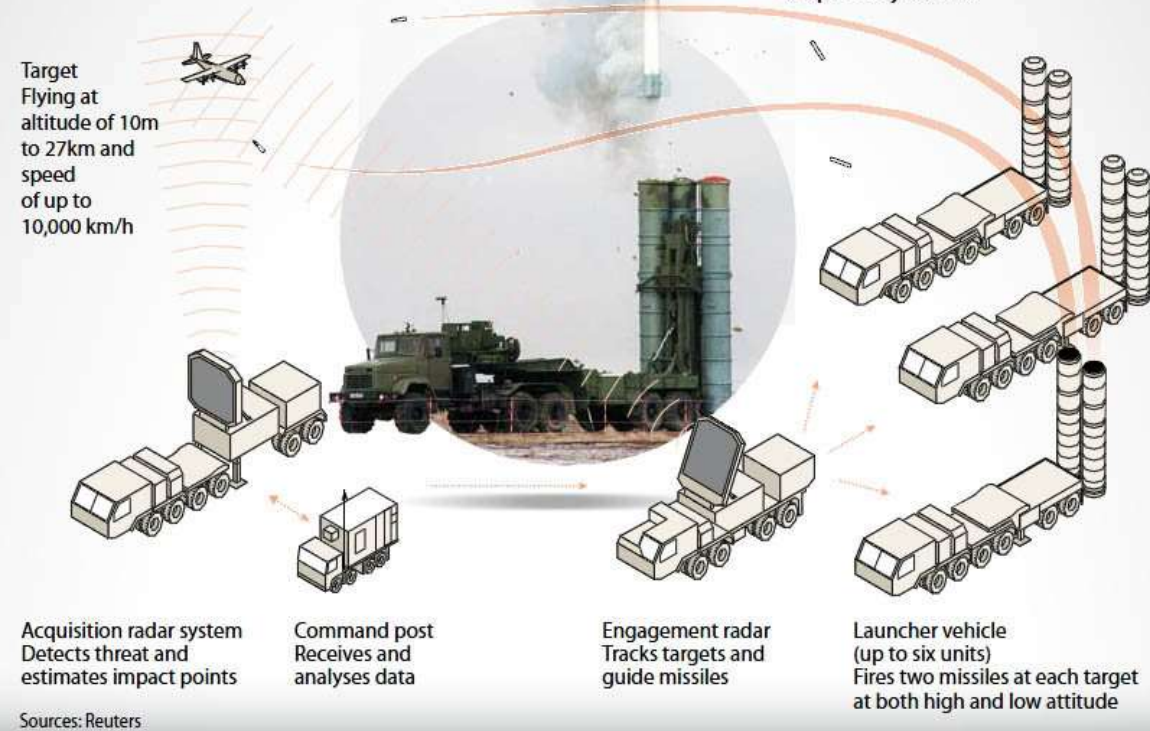


Iran's proxy network, "The Axis of Resistance."

RUSSIAN'S S-300 DEFENSE SYSTEM

S-300 system components

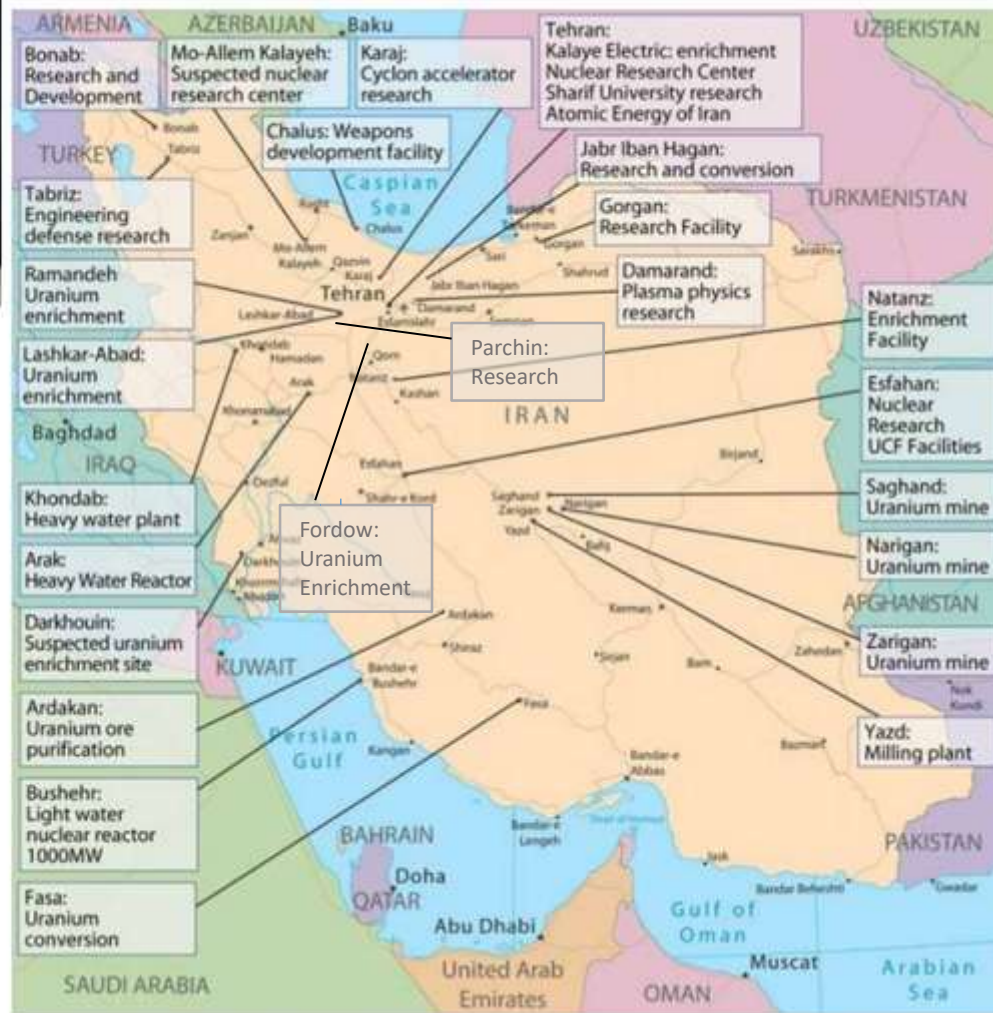
How a typical S-300 air defense system works. Russia plans to deliver the system to Syria despite objections.



2007, Ahmadinejad orders Russian S-300 Air Defense System.

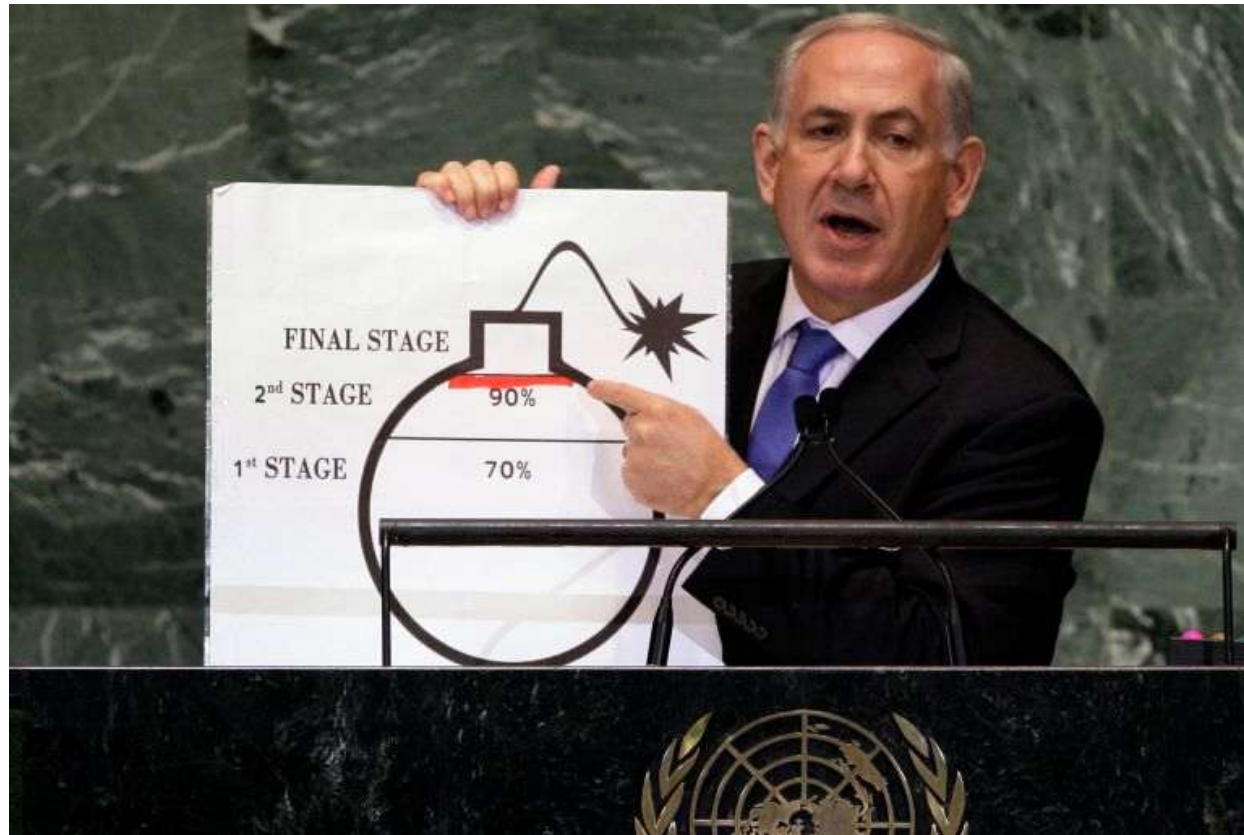


Iran Nuclear Sites





Depiction of an Iranian uranium enrichment facility utilizing industrial centrifuges.



Benjamin Netanyahu describes Iran's nuclear ambitions during his address to the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 27, 2012. [Richard Drew/AP Photo]



Hassan Rouhani and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)



Hassan Rouhani
Commander of Iran's
Joint Military Operations Center



Robert C. McFarlane
President Reagan's
National Security Advisor



Marine Lt. Col.
Oliver North



May 7, 2013 Hassan Rouhani registers to run for President of Iran,
to replace Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.



Rouhani's supporters celebrate his first presidential victory in Tehran.



Rouhani designated Mohammad Javad Zarif, an experienced Iranian diplomat, as Foreign Minister.



Nov 2013. P5+1 Conference in Geneva negotiates interim nuclear deal for Iran.



P5+1 Conference in Vienna negotiates the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).



Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action (JCPOA):

- Close Iran's weapons-capable nuclear reactors.
- Limits Iran's Nuclear program to power-generation and medical research levels—for ten years. To be monitored for 25 years.
- Ends the sanctions.
- Gives the West ten nuclear-free years to negotiate an end to Iran's external adventures.



Iran's Natanz nuclear facility.



Iran's Fordow nuclear facility.



Iran's Arak heavy water nuclear plant.



May 2017, Hassan Rouhani re-elected overwhelmingly as President of Iran after negotiating the JCPOA.

U.S./Iran areas of mutual interest:

- **Sunni extremists.** Work together to control al Qaeda, the Taliban and ISIS, who are all major threats to the lives of Shi'a throughout the region.
- **Drug trafficking.** Afghanistan under the Taliban is the world's largest source of illegally produced opioids. Cooperate to reduce drug trafficking.
- **Water.** Afghan agriculture is expanding upstream from Iran's eastern provinces. The U.S. could be a mediator and provider of technology.
- **Refugees.** Iran houses 2 million Afghan refugees. U.N. help is limited. The U.S. could help with aid and resettlement assistance.
- **Security.** Once trust is established, negotiations could begin to reduce Iran's missile stockpile and support for proxies.



Donald Trump
Elected President of the United States Nov. 8, 2017



Netanyahu presents material on Iran's purported nuclear programme in Tel Aviv on April 30, 2018. [Sebastian Scheiner/AP Photo]



6/13/19, Kokuka Courageous ablaze in the Gulf of Oman.



9/15/19, drone and missile attack on Saudi Aramco facility.



November 2019 protests,
Isfahan.



1/11/20, protestors on Hafez Street, Tehran



The Hard-liners



February 2020 Parliamentary Elections. Iranian “Hard-liners” took over Parliament.



Ebrahim Raisi

Former Chief Justice of Iran's Supreme Court
August 3, 2021, elected "Hard-Liner" President of Iran.



Iran converts its missile systems to mobile launchers, buried in underground facilities dispersed around the country..

Confronting Israel



5/29/21, Hamas and Hezbollah set up a “joint war room” in Beirut.

Hamas:



Ismail Haniyeh,
Political Leader
Damascus/Qatar.



Kahled Meshal,
Foreign Affairs
Damascus/Qatar.

The Plan:

1. Breach the border fences.
2. Storm Israeli military positions.
3. Murder as many civilians as possible.
4. Capture hostages to bring back to Gaza.
5. Destroy Israeli towns by burning.
6. Bargain for release of Palestinian prisoners being held by Israel in exchange for the hostages.



Yahya Sinwar,
Political Leader
Gaza



Ben Gvir moves security from Gaza to the West Bank.



Automated guard tower, with camera and automatic weapon.



Impenetrable steel fence.



Itamar Ben-Gvir,
Minister of Security

Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attacks.



Yahya Sinwar,
Hamas Political
Leader in Gaza



Palestinians break down the border
fence with Israel in the southern
Gaza Strip.



Civilians killed by Palestinian militants in
Sderot, Israel, on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023.

Hezbollah



Smoke billows from fires ignited by Israeli shelling on the forested areas of the southern Lebanese village of Deir Mimas. Credit: Photo by Rabih DAHER / AFP



Two men stand by a truck as they watch smoke plumes rising from a fire in a field after rockets launched from southern Lebanon landed near Katzrin in the Golan Heights. Credit: AFP



January 14, 2024, Gaza after 100 days



April 1, 2024 Israel bombs the Iranian embassy in Damascus, Syria. Hits the consular section killing sixteen persons, including two IRGC generals.

ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

Iran launches drones, missiles at Israel

Israel says nearly all incoming drones and missiles - numbering more than 300 - from Iran, Iraq and Yemen have been intercepted. Iran says the attack is in response to an Israeli strike on its consulate in Syria on April 1 and that the matter can now "be deemed concluded".

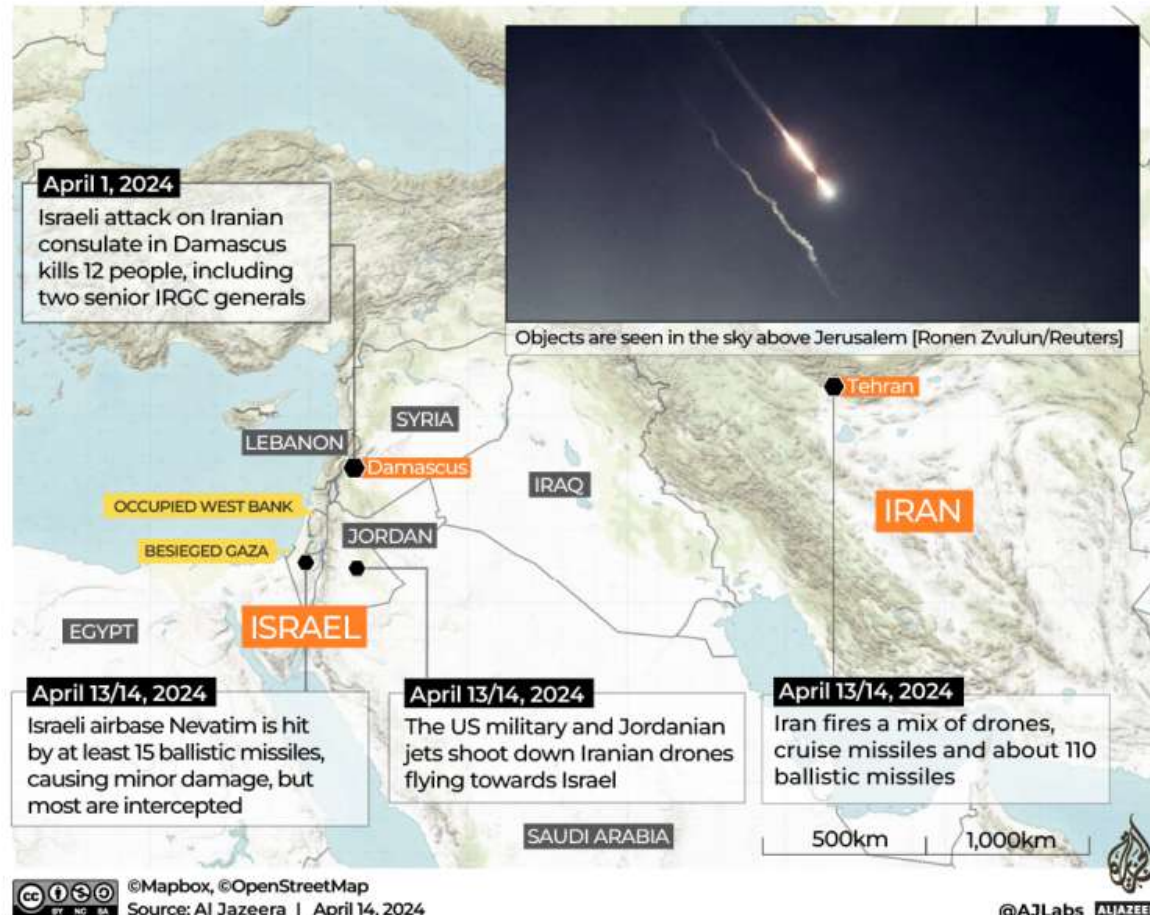
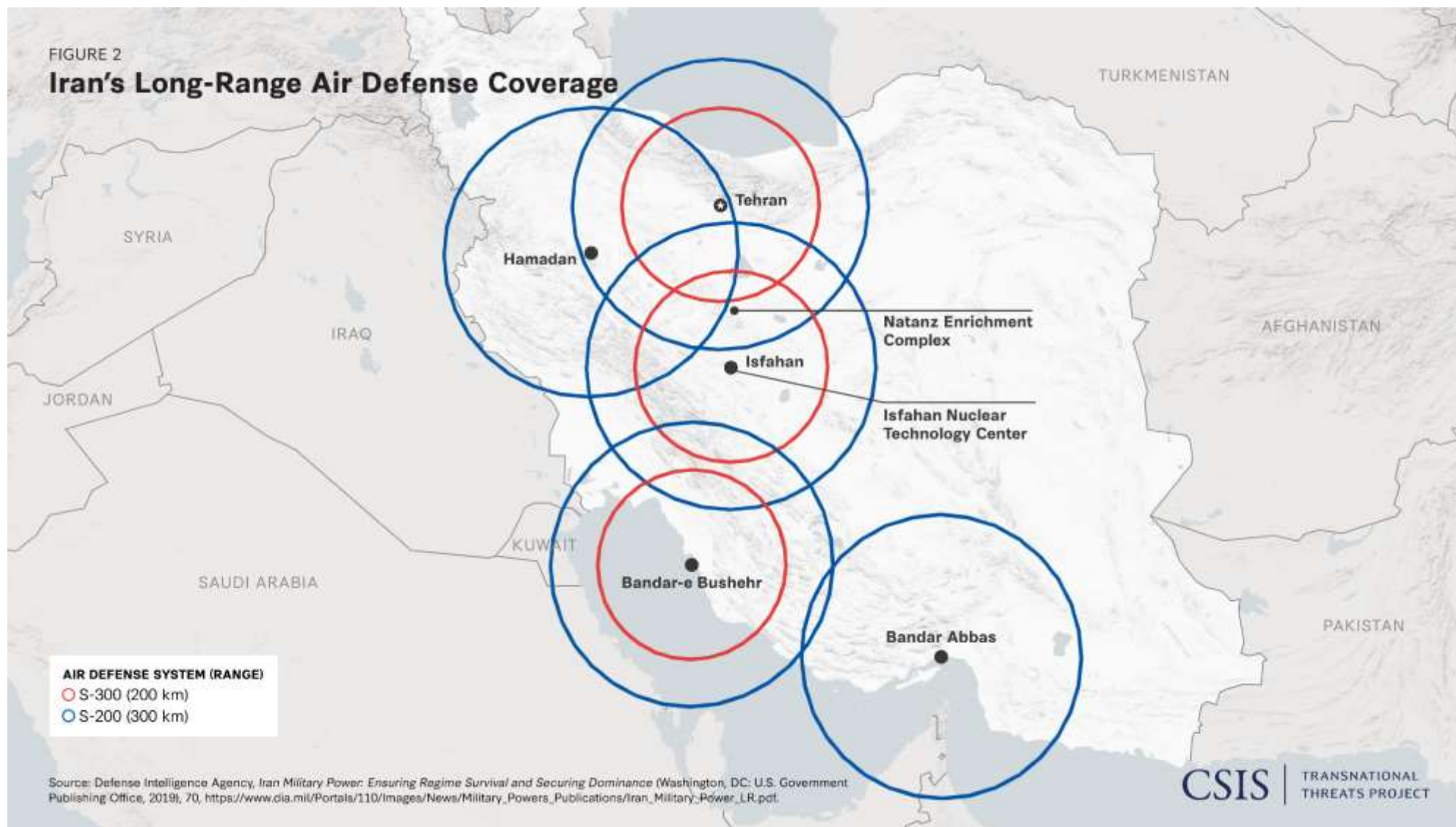


FIGURE 2

Iran's Long-Range Air Defense Coverage





Funeral of President Ebrahim Raisi, May 2024. Credit: Arash Khamooshi/The New York Times.



Masoud Pezeshkian
Heart Surgeon and Former Member of Iran's
Consultative Assembly
July 5, 2024, elected "Reformer" President of Iran.

Hezbollah



Remnants of a [Hezbollah](#) pager that exploded on 17 September 2024. By AFP/Getty Images



Message received at 15.30 local time on Tuesday appearing to be from leadership



 Pager buzzes with message alert

Seconds later
thousands of
devices detonate



Hassan Nasrallah assassinated at Hezbollah Headquarters in Dahieh, by an IDF airstrike on September 27, 2024.



An [IAF F-15](#) loaded with guided bombs as it is taking-off for the airstrike on 27 September 2024



The Iranian air attack was an extensive air operation against Israel on the evening of 1 October 2024, and included 181 projectiles. The result was at least 8 Israelis killed. This photo was taken in the Lower Galilee from a settlement toward the east.



Parchin Military Complex. Credit: Satellite Image © Maxar Technologies.

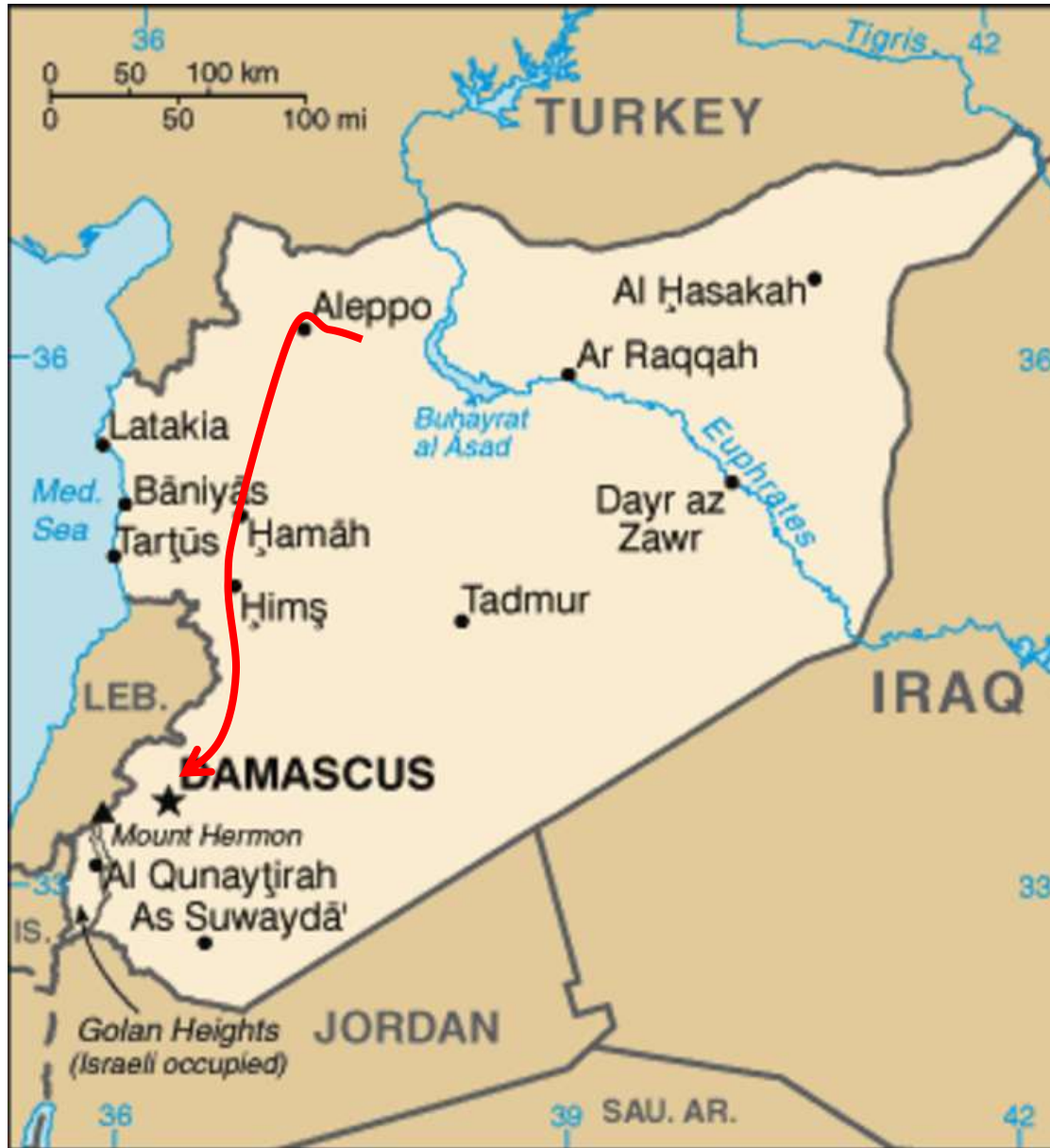
Fall of Syria



Smoke billows in the distance as damaged cars are seen at the site of Syrian regime airstrikes targeting anti-regime fighters in Aleppo, northern Syria.
Credit: Aaref Watad/AF



A rebel fighter poses with a poster of Syrian President Bashar Assad, in Aleppo. Credit: Ghaith Alsayed/AP



Syrian rebels pose for a selfie in Hama Dec 6 2024. Credit: BAKR AL KASSEM AFP via Getty Images

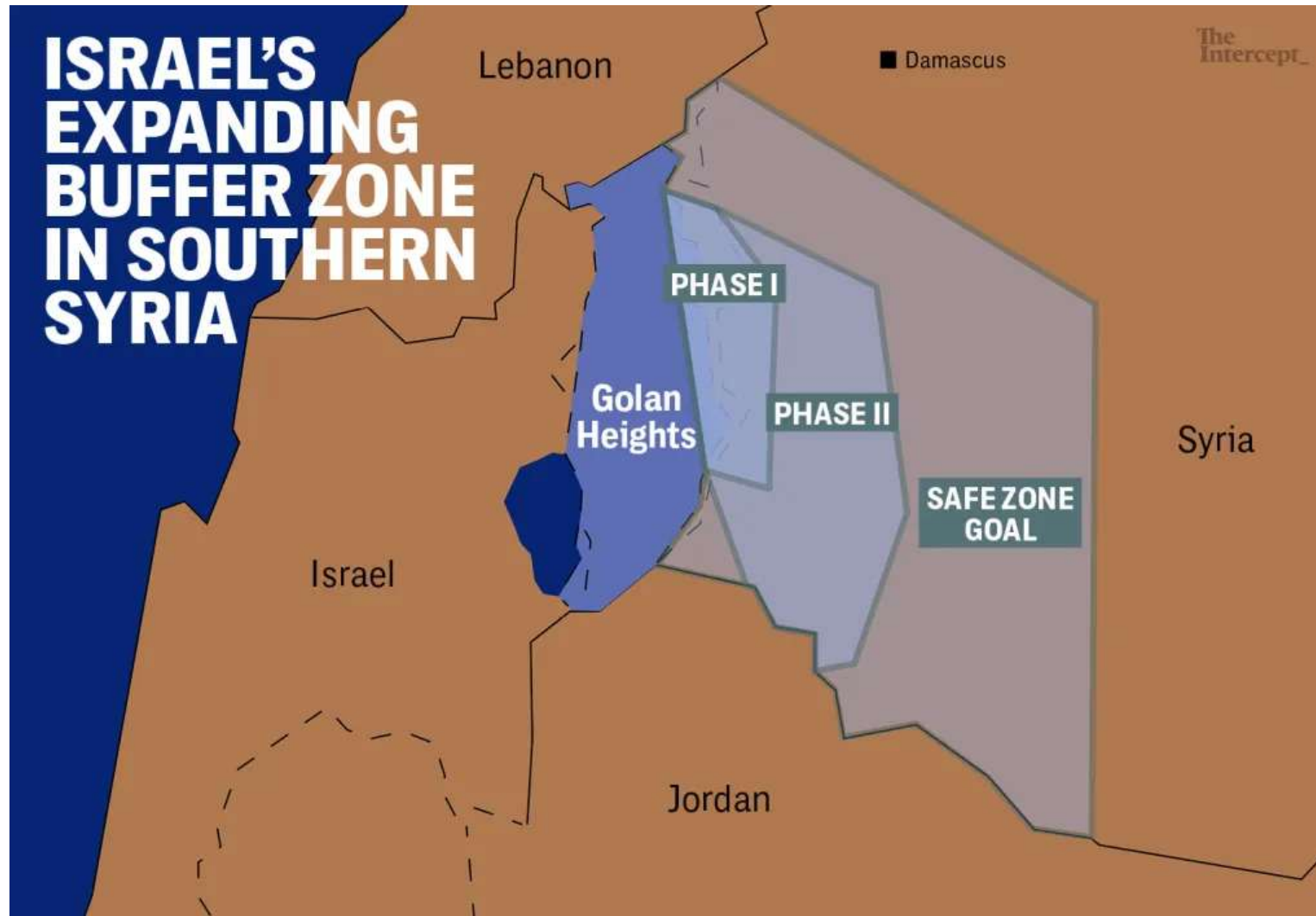


Banner featuring Turkish President Recep Erdogan and anti-Assad rebels' flag as Syrian refugees and supporters in Istanbul celebrate the fall of Syrian President Assad.

Credit: AFP/KEMAL ASLAN



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visits Mount Hermon, alongside IDF Chief of Staff Herzl Halevy. Credit: Maayan Toaf / GPO



Israeli is expanding its buffer zone out of concern for what may develop in the new Islamic Syria, with Turkish support. Map: The Intercept

Gaza Ceasefire



IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi says no one has ever enriched to 60% without moving ahead to a nuclear weapon. Credit: Roland Schlager/APA/dpa/picture alliance



One of 61 buildings damaged by Iranian missiles in Bat Yam, Israel on 6/15/25.



A residential building in Tehran with missile damage, 13 June 2025



Debris after an attack in [Narmak](#) neighborhood of Tehran on 14 June 2025





Donald J. Trump ✓

@realDonaldTrump

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE! It has been fully agreed by and between Israel and Iran that there will be a Complete and Total CEASEFIRE (in approximately 6 hours from now, when Israel and Iran have wound down and completed their in progress, final missions!), for 12 hours, at which point the War will be considered, ENDED! Officially, Iran will start the CEASEFIRE and, upon the 12th Hour, Israel will start the CEASEFIRE and, upon the 24th Hour, an Official END to THE 12 DAY WAR will be saluted by the World. During each CEASEFIRE, the other side will remain PEACEFUL and RESPECTFUL. On the assumption that everything works as it should, which it will, I would like to congratulate both Countries, Israel and Iran, on having the Stamina, Courage, and Intelligence to end, what should be called, "THE 12 DAY WAR." This is a War that could have gone on for years, and destroyed the entire Middle East, but it didn't, and never will! God bless Israel, God bless Iran, God bless the Middle East, God bless the United States of America, and GOD BLESS THE WORLD!

DONALD J. TRUMP,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Iran's weakened state:

- Most of Hezbollah's capabilities are destroyed
- Assad's Syria is replaced by a Sunni Islamist state
- Hamas is largely disabled
- Iran's ballistic missile production interrupted
- Iran's air defense system is badly damaged and ineffective
- Iran's regional influence at its lowest ebb in 30 years

Time to build a nuclear weapon?

The U.S./Israel vs. Iran War



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with President Donald Trump at the White House, Feb 11, 2026.



Iran's military, IRGC and command structure is dispersed and hidden, mostly underground, all over the country..



Workers evacuate an area around Saudi Aramco's Ras Tanura oil refinery after an Iranian drone strike in early March. Reuters



The site of an Iranian missile impact in Tel Aviv. March 1, 2026. (credit: SETH J. FRANTZMAN)

Other candidates:



Hassan
Rouhani,
Reformer.



Hassan
Khomeini,
Reformer.



Mojtaba Khamenei, newly-elected Supreme Leader of Iran.



Image taken from a Hezbollah video of a drone attack on an Israeli military vehicle in Qantara (Lebanon) on April 26.
HEZBOLLAH MILITARY MEDIA (via REUTERS)



Debris from an intercepted Iranian drone struck an oil facility in the U.A.E.'s Fujairah oil hub in March. Altaf Qadri/Associated Press

U.A.E. struck back with an air attack on a refinery on Iran's Lavan Island in early April. Reuters





Vessels anchored in the Strait of Hormuz near Larak Island, Iran, in May. Credit...Majid Saeedi/Getty Images



LPG vessel Jag Vasant transferring LPG at Mumbai, India, April 1, 2026 after transiting the Strait of Hormuz. (credit: Francis Mascarenhas/Reuters)



April 11, 2026. JD Vance, Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner go to Pakistan to negotiate an agreement with Iran.



5/3/26. President Donald Trump announces “Project Freedom.” He downplayed tensions with Iran, calling the conflict a “skirmish” and claiming the U.S. has “total control.” He said Iran is quietly negotiating and “wants to make a deal,” as a fragile ceasefire holds amid new attacks.



Plumes of smoke rise from an oil facility in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, March 14, 2026. (AP/Altaf Qadri)



A billboard in Tehran in May, depicts a closed Strait of Hormuz over the mouth of President Trump.
Credit...Arash Khamooshi for The New York Times



A pro-government supporter walks with his son along a bridge on their way to a nightly rally in downtown Tehran, Iran, on May 23, 2026. (Photo by Morteza Nikoubazl/NurPhoto via Getty Images)



Aftermath of an airstrike in Bachoura, Beirut, Lebanon,
3/18/2026..



Hezbollah fighters on a rooftop in Bint Jbeil, Lebanon,
4/24/2026.



June 8, 2026. An Israeli security worker examines a fragment of an intercepted Iranian missile in northern Israel. Rami Shlush/AP



June 7, 2026. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks at a cabinet session. (Screenshot/Itay Beit-On/GPO)



June 8, 2026, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee tweeted on X, “Iran is trying to incinerate America and Israel...The Mothership of Satan is in Iran.” (Avshalom Sassoni/Flash90)



Mahshahr Petrochemical facility hit by Israeli airstrikes in southwest Iran, June 8, 2026 (Video screenshot)

Anxious for a
Deal to end
the war.



Has specific,
possibly
unattainable,
goals.



Reluctant to give
up anything.





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