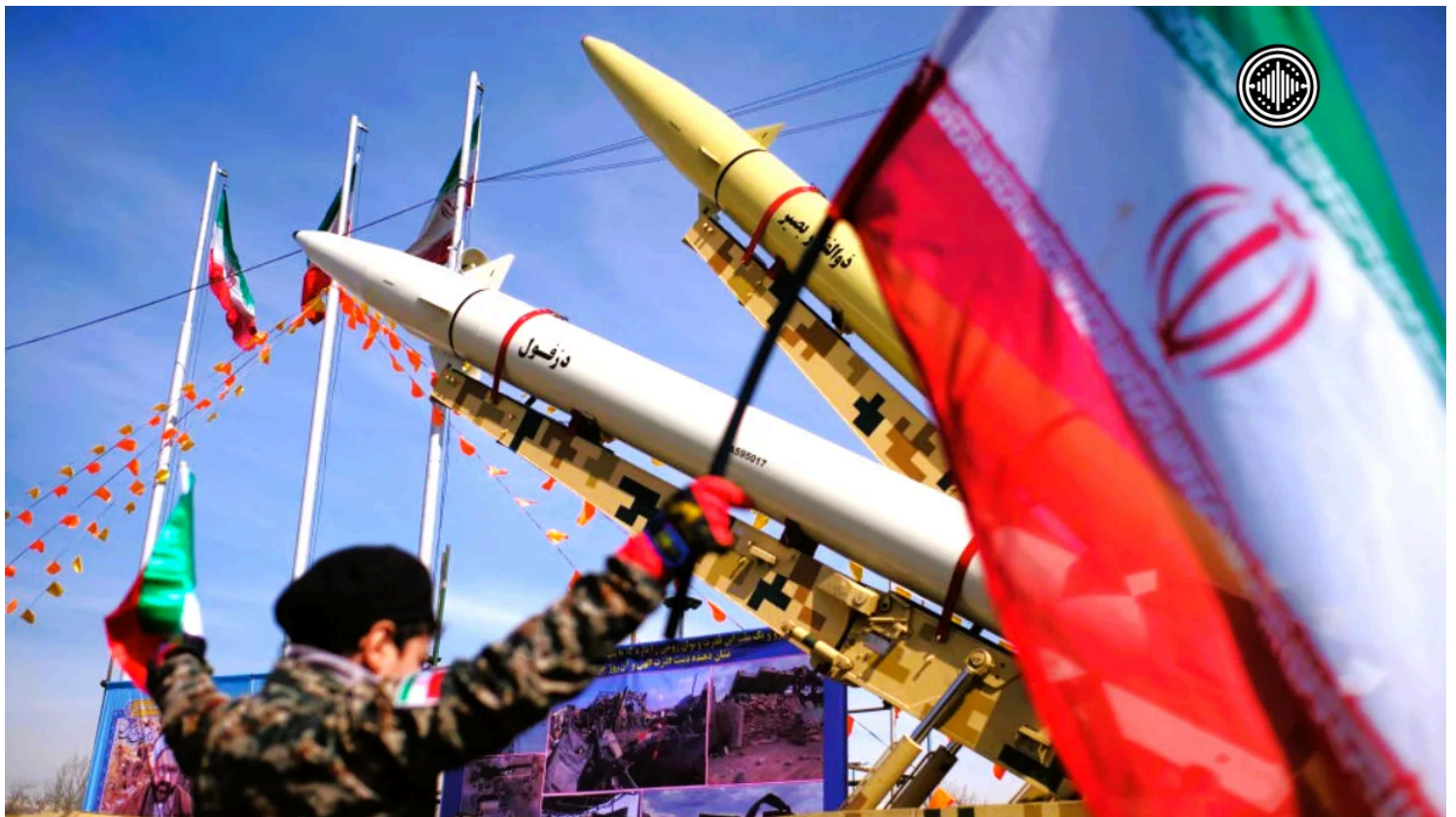


US and Iran Prepare to Resume Nuclear Talks as Regional Crises Deepen

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After nearly two years of strained relations and violent conflict across the Middle East, the United States and Iran are set to restart nuclear negotiations in Oslo. This long-anticipated diplomatic effort comes at a moment when the humanitarian toll of the regional war has reached alarming levels.

The talks in Norway will be the first formal engagement between Washington and Tehran since widespread fighting erupted across the region. Diplomats hope the discussions could open the door to easing tensions and preventing further escalation. Iran has signaled that it

does not intend to escalate militarily unless provoked, while United States President Donald Trump has said he is willing to meet Iranian leaders if it would help bring stability.

Meanwhile, in Israel and Gaza, the human impact of the conflict continues to grow. Investigations are underway into civilian harm around Gaza aid distribution sites. In Israel, health authorities are reporting a sharp rise in post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) diagnoses, reflecting the deep psychological strain that the violence has caused among both soldiers and civilians.

Political disagreements over Gaza's future are also coming to light. Reports indicate that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Ministry of Defense Director General Eyal Zamir clashed during a recent cabinet meeting. Zamir is said to have questioned the feasibility of a proposal to displace two million Gazans to the south while imposing a siege in the north. According to local media, Zamir asked pointedly, "Who will govern 2 million people?" highlighting the complexity of managing Gaza's humanitarian crisis alongside security concerns.

On the diplomatic front, Saudi Arabia's leadership has clarified its priorities. Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan stated that achieving a ceasefire in Gaza takes precedence over any plans to normalize relations with Israel. His comments suggest that broader regional peace efforts will remain stalled until the violence subsides.

Even cultural events are not immune to the fallout. A decision on Israel's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest has been postponed after heated debates within the European Broadcasting Union.

Despite the tensions, moments of standard diplomacy continue. Saudi Arabia congratulated United States President Donald Trump and the American people on their Independence Day, underscoring ongoing ties between Washington and Riyadh.

In sports, Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal football club faced disappointment as it was knocked out of the FIFA Club World Cup by Brazil's Fluminense, losing 2-1 in the quarterfinals.

As these parallel developments unfold, the upcoming nuclear talks in Oslo stand out as a rare opportunity for the United States and Iran to de-escalate a dangerous standoff and perhaps chart a new course for a region weary of conflict.

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