

# IRAN CONFLICT *Timeline*

## INTRODUCTION



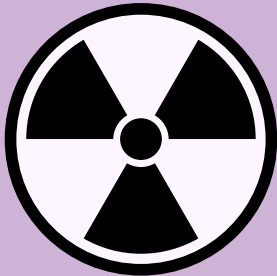
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Following the reelection of President Trump in 2025, tensions between the United States and the Iranian government have escalated sharply in recent years. Key events are summarized in the following slides:

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### MAY 2025

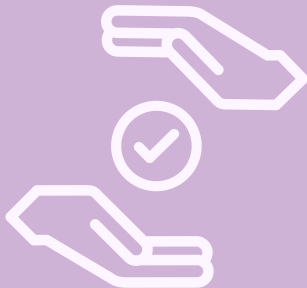


On May 31, 2025, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported that Iran has accumulated approximately 900 pounds of uranium, increasing its stockpile by nearly 50% since its last report three months ago in February.

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## JUNE 2025



Leading to the Geneva talks of June 2025, both Iran and the U.S. were met with uncompromising positions: Iran demanded full sanctions relief, while the U.S. insisted on restrictive nuclear regulations.

On June 21-22, 2025, Iranian nuclear centers were surprise-attacked by Israeli forces followed by U.S. strikes on major nuclear sites; Iran therefore retaliated.



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## FEBRUARY 2026



After multiple failed negotiations, the U.S. and Israel coordinated missile attacks on February 28, 2026, targeting Iran's nuclear and missile infrastructure and naval forces. Supreme Iranian Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is killed. His son, Mojtaba Khamenei is chosen as his successor.

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## MARCH 2026



Recent events from March 15-16, 2026 revolved around President Trump's calls for international support to block the Strait of Hormuz, but met with hesitation. In response, the Trump administration establishes a proposal for a ceasefire directed by certain negotiations. Iran rejected the proposal, and U.S. forces began deploying to the region, escalating the conflict.

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