



## The US and Iran Face-Off

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News/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
Trump threatens "obliteration" if Iran attacks "anything American" <b>CBS News</b>	"Iran's very ignorant and insulting statement, put out today, only shows that they do not understand reality. Any attack by Iran on anything American will be met with great and <a href="#">overwhelming force</a> . In some areas, overwhelming will mean obliteration. No more John Kerry & Obama!" Trump wrote in a series of tweets Tuesday morning.
The US isn't interested in dialogue with Iran, France says <b>CNN</b>	The United States is not interested in pursuing <a href="#">dialogue</a> with Iran despite President Trump's insistence he is willing to sit down for talks, according to one of the European nations attempting to mediate between the two sides.
Iran's Rouhani: US sanctions on Khamenei 'idiotic and outrageous' <b>Al Jazeera</b>	Describing the latest round of measures as "outrageous", "idiotic", and a sign of US desperation, Rouhani said: "The White House actions mean it is <a href="#">mentally retarded</a> ." He added that Tehran's "strategic patience" should not be mistaken for fear.
U.S. Carried Out Cyber-attacks on Iran <b>The New York Times</b>	The online attacks, which had been planned for several weeks, were ultimately meant to be a <a href="#">direct response</a> to both the tanker attacks this month and the downing of an American drone this week.
Australia plays waiting game on US-Iran tension as UK fears 'accidental war' <b>The Guardian</b>	With presidents Donald Trump and Hassan Rouhani escalating their rhetoric against each other, traditional US allies have expressed concerns about entering " <a href="#">an accidental war</a> ".
Would the UK join US in war with Iran? <b>The Week</b>	The US is our closest ally, we talk to them the whole time, we consider any requests that they say carefully, but I cannot <a href="#">envisage any situation</a> where they request or we agree to any moves to go to war, said Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt.
Russia warns U.S. and Israel that Iran is its 'ally' and was right about drone shoot down <b>Newsweek</b>	A senior Russian official warned his U.S. and Israeli counterparts that his country would continue to <a href="#">support Iran</a> , which he backed in its recent claims regarding the shooting down of a U.S. spy drone.
US-Iran: Trump announces 'major' sanctions amid tensions <b>BBC News</b>	President Trump may have had second thoughts about carrying out a <a href="#">military strike</a> against Iran, but he is set to toughen economic sanctions - the very policy that has helped bring the two countries to the brink of war.

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Obviously we are happy that war has been averted. This part of the world has been going through cycles of conflict for so many years, we [don't need another war](#)... There is no military solution to this problem. There are serious problems affecting regional order in the middle east and this is nothing new said Iraq's President Barham Salih.

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