

Iran Continues Its Nuclear Work, But Is It Weapons Grade?

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An upcoming IAEA report will give Washington and Europe more clarity on where the nuclear program stands and whether united Western efforts to contain it are still possible.

In the next few days, the latest quarterly report on Iran's nuclear program by the International Atomic Energy Agency is expected to become public. It will make headlines even if it doesn't contain any news. A mega-row is emerging between the United States and its major European allies over Washington's decision to stop issuing waivers so that foreign companies can help Iran's civil nuclear activities. The Trump administration regards the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action as conceding too much to Tehran. The 2018 U.S. withdrawal from the JCPOA, plus additional sanctions since, has been matched by Iran regarding itself as no longer bound by the agreement's limitations. Whether Iran has returned to continue its one-time nuclear weapon research is a detail unknown to the general public and, worryingly, perhaps even unclear to the U.S. intelligence community...

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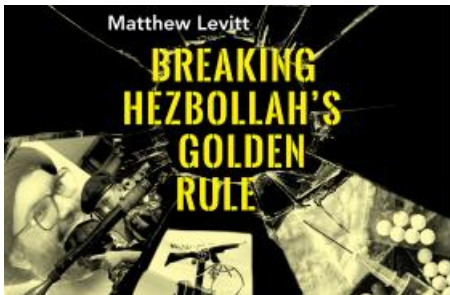
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