

# Addressing Iran's Weaponization Work Will Fortify the Nuclear Deal

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## Allowing Tehran to whitewash its nuclear activities and sites would set a terrible precedent for other nations who might be tempted to pursue a covert weapons program.

The UN nuclear watchdog and Iran are again on a collision course, as the International Atomic Energy Agency seeks answers from Tehran on three sites where undeclared nuclear weapons research is suspected to have occurred in recent decades. Soil samples taken recently by the IAEA at the sites have shown traces of man-made uranium, an indication that illicit atomic weapons research occurred. This standoff presents both a challenge and an opportunity for President Biden as he seeks to revive, strengthen, and expand the nuclear agreement. Iran over the past two years has steadfastly refused to cooperate fully with the IAEA to address the weaponization issue. The agency says Tehran has razed buildings and removed equipment in an effort to sanitize suspect sites, and the situation could escalate into a full-blown crisis for the UN Security Council...

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