

# Back to Bombs or Driving to a Deal? Assessing the U.S.-Iran State of Play

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**Join us for an expert conversation on the Iranian, Israeli, and U.S. military strikes of recent days and what they portend for the prospects of reaching an agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and the state of postwar order in the region. Watch live starting at 2:00 p.m. EDT (1800 GMT) on Thursday, June 11, 2026.**

**T**he past few days have shaken the already tenuous ceasefire with Iran. For the first time, regime forces attacked Israel in retaliation for military actions in Lebanon. They also downed an American military helicopter, pushing the boundaries of President Trump's latest red line on killing American personnel. In response, U.S. and Israeli forces struck targets across Iran, and although Washington has not pulled the plug on negotiations, the president is now warning that Tehran has "taken too long to reach a deal" and will now "pay the price."

What does all this mean for the prospects of reaching an agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz? And how might it

affect the evolving postwar order in the region, as well as specific U.S. priorities like Iran's nuclear program? To discuss these questions, The Washington Institute is pleased to announce a virtual Policy Forum with:

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