

Why Trump and Netanyahu Might Keep Iran Nuclear Deal After All

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Despite the prime minister's distaste for the deal, he will likely ask Washington to enforce it to the hilt instead of shredding it -- something the Trump White House seems ready to do given its actions toward Iran thus far.

With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington for his first visit with President Trump, the two leaders will likely find themselves in agreement on the need to hold Iran more accountable for its ongoing illicit conduct than was the case under the Obama administration. Former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn -- who resigned this week -- recently declared that the White House was putting Iran "on notice" after its at least fourth ballistic missile test since implementation of the nuclear deal last January. Following that, the administration rolled out [a new set of sanctions \(http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/reinforcing-the-role-of-sanctions-in-restraining-iran\)](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/reinforcing-the-role-of-sanctions-in-restraining-iran) actions against Iranian missile

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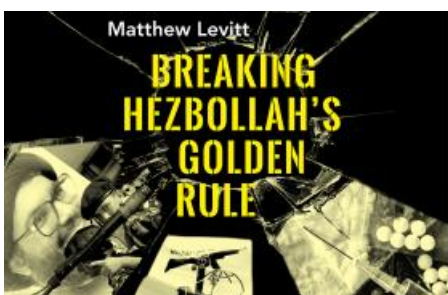
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