

Iran and Sanctions

Location: Iran is located in Western Asia, bordered by Afghanistan in the east, which is under US military occupation, and Iraq in the west, another country under US influence. In the south it is bounded by the Persian Gulf and Oman Bay, where American battleships patrol.

For two centuries Iran has not attacked another country. (In contrast, the US, Israel, and Saudi Arabia have in recent years launched attacks on countries in the Middle East and North Africa.)

According to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran continues to fulfill its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the 2015 nuclear agreement.

Sanctions are a form of economic and psychological warfare. Western companies that had invested in the country have left, unemployment is higher than ever, the high cost of living has pushed the middle class to poverty, and the Iranian currency has lost much of its value against the dollar.

Sanctions kill. After the Gulf War, the 1990s harsh sanctions against Iraq were responsible for countless deaths.

The sanctions are reckless, counter-productive, and divisive. They confirm the hardliner position in Iran that the U.S. is untrustworthy and bent on regime change, and could lead to a possible revival of Iran's nuclear program. The sanctions create divisions with the EU, which continues to support the JCPOA.

The resumption of diplomacy and a return to the terms of the JCPOA will help alleviate tensions and instability in the Middle East.

Call your representatives and ask them to pressure the White House to reinstate the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement.