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“Leave TODAY”: Huckabee Orders Embassy Staff Out as American Troops Arrive in Israel

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee sent a letter to embassy staff Friday giving them permission to leave and urging them to do so quickly. The development came after talks between U.S. and Iranian officials, mediated by Oman, in Geneva on Thursday failed to yield a deal on Iran’s nuclear program.

The New York Times [reported](#), “Those wishing to leave ‘should do so TODAY,’ Mr. Huckabee continued, urging them to find a flight out of Ben-Gurion Airport to any destination for which they could book passage.” *The Times* said it saw a copy of the email.



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Mike Huckabee

The common suspicion is that President Donald Trump has made up his mind to strike Iran soon.

The United States has also deployed soldiers to Israel. “The U.S. has sent Army troops to Israel to operate the Thaad antimissile system and has previously stationed ballistic-missile defense-equipped destroyers near Israel to help protect the country from missile and drone attacks,” *The Wall Street Journal* [reported](#) Thursday.

And in a first time ever, the United States has sent combat jets to Israel. “The deployment of the F-22 Raptors this week will enable the U.S. to better defend Israeli territory and American forces in the Middle East from Iranian retaliation should President Trump proceed with his threats to strike Tehran’s nuclear and missile programs,” per the *Journal*.

No Enrichment

As for the Geneva talks, the United States demanded that Iran “destroy its three main nuclear sites — at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan — and deliver all of its remaining enriched uranium to the U.S.,” per reports. The three cites refers to the ones American bombers supposedly “obliterated” last summer, according to Trump.

The United States is demanding zero enrichment from the Iranians. Moreover:

They also said any nuclear deal must last forever — not sunset the way restrictions rolled off over time under a nuclear pact negotiated under the Obama administration that Republicans have long said was too weak.

Iran, for its part, said it would not get rid of its uranium stockpiles. It also refused to completely end enrichment, dismantle its nuclear facilities, and accept permanent restrictions on its program.

The Iranians have repeatedly said they have no ambitions of building nuclear weapons, but if



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the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is to be believed, they enriched to 60 percent in the past, far beyond what's necessary for civilian use. More recently, the Iranians floated the following proposal:

... reducing enrichment to as low as 1.5% from 60% currently, pausing enrichment for a number of years, or processing it through an Arab-Iranian consortium based in Iran.

War Coming?

According to the Omanis, who served as mediators in Geneva, the two sides will meet again for talks next week in Vienna. But given all the buildup and directive for evacuation, there may be no next week for Iran. And stateside, the decision to take the United States to war will be made by one man, the president, a tragically perfect illustration of the consequences of unconstitutional governing.

Interestingly, congressional Democrats seem to suddenly care about the Constitution. House Democrats are trying to force a vote on a war powers resolution that would stop Trump from issuing the edict to strike Iran. Representatives Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) drafter the resolution. "We maintain that any such action would be unconstitutional without consultation with and authorization from Congress," top House Democrats said, [per](#) reports.

The vote is supposed to happen next week. The world may look very different by then.



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