

*“Since the Obama Administration sealed the Iran nuclear deal, Tehran has been on a roll. It has accelerated its missile program, taken more Americans hostage, and stepped up its slaughter in Syria. Days after an Iranian rocket came within 1,500 yards a US aircraft carrier, Iran detained ten U.S. sailors. Yet in what could be a matter of days, Iran will cash-in with tens of billions of dollars in sanctions relief.” – Chairman Royce*

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## Why It Matters: “Implementation Day” for the Iran Deal

On January 16, the United States, our negotiating partners, and Iran marked “Implementation Day” – when international inspectors verified that Iran has completed its commitments under the nuclear agreement. This included removing the core of its plutonium reactor—which experts call a “plutonium bomb factory”—shutting down thousands of centrifuges and shipping much of its highly enriched uranium out of the country.



### Temporary Restrictions

The Obama Administration argues that the deal will increase the “breakout time” it would take Iran to obtain enough nuclear fuel for a one weapon to a year. However, these restrictions on Iran’s nuclear program are temporary and begin to expire in only 8 years. Iran is also allowed keep much of its nuclear infrastructure intact, even as it develops more advanced centrifuges capable of producing nuclear fuel on an industrial scale. This means that once the agreement expires in 10 to 15 years, Iran will have the internationally-approved ability to quickly produce enough nuclear fuel for dozens of nuclear weapons.

### Permanent Sanctions Relief

On “Implementation Day,” Iran will receive access to as much as \$150 billion in assets from its past oil sales that is currently “locked-up” in banks overseas. Billions more will flow in as Iran is reconnected to the international financial system, resumes selling its vast energy reserves on the open market, and businesses from Europe and around the world invest in the Iranian economy.

Obama Administration officials have testified that it is “nearly certain” that Iran will use sanctions relief to support terrorism. As [The Wall Street Journal](#) reports, Iran’s hardliners are the big winners of the nuclear deal. The Revolutionary Guards control many of the industries that will benefit from the influx of new investment—from energy to construction. That means that even funds Iran invests in rebuilding its infrastructure will end up not only supporting terrorism, but advancing Iran’s efforts to prop up the murderous Assad Regime in Syria and Iran’s ballistic missile program.

### Key Points

- **Iran has accepted temporary limits to its nuclear program in exchange for permanent sanctions relief. In 10 to 15 years—it will have the internationally approved ability to enrich enough fuel for dozens of nuclear weapons. That’s why bipartisan majorities opposed this deal in Congress.**
- **Even Obama Administration officials admit Iran will use sanctions relief to support terrorism and develop ballistic missiles. The Administration pledged to keep the pressure on Iran for these illicit activities. That’s why it’s so disappointing to see Iran conduct two missile tests since the deal was signed with no response from the United States.**