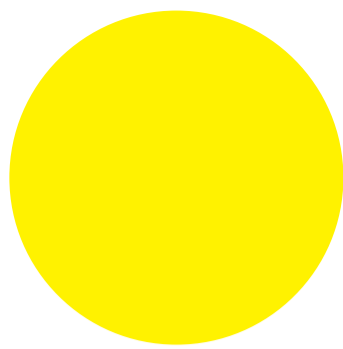


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Israeli grip on Washington makes rapprochement with US illogical for Tehran



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Iran and the United States have had no diplomatic relations since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, and are regarded as arch-enemies on the global stage. Yet, while pursuing a policy of maximum pressure on Tehran, US President Donald Trump has extended an olive branch, calling for peace. Iran's Leader, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, however, has dismissed any such reconciliation as impossible so long as Washington continues to throw its weight behind Israel, predicting

that normalization between the two sides is unlikely either now or in the foreseeable future. The question, then, is how long this fundamental standoff will drag on.

The truth is that as long as American policymakers remain under the thumb of the Zionist regime and act without genuine autonomy, engaging with Washington makes little sense. The Islamic Republic is in direct confrontation with that regime, and any such contact would run counter to Iran's ideological and existential principles. In effect, it is the Zionist regime and its lobbying networks that call the shots in the United States, not the Americans themselves. In other words, it often seems as if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

is the one running the White House, with Trump merely taking orders from him. However, if one day the American people truly govern themselves, normal relations could become conceivable.

Hostility between Iran and the US is not limited to Israel's influence. Another root cause, as the Leader pointed out, lies in Washington's frustration over losing access to Iran's resources after the Islamic revolution. The same dynamic applies to any country that refuses to hand over its God-given wealth to colonial powers, nations that are quickly rebranded from "good" to "evil" and subjected to hostile policies. The cases of Iran and Venezuela clearly bear this out.

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