

Trump leads high-stakes talks on Iran Nuclear deal



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Washington, April 15 – Former U.S. President Donald Trump convened a high-level meeting in the White House Situation Room on Tuesday to strategize the U.S. position ahead of the next round of nuclear negotiations with Iran, scheduled for Saturday. The meeting included top national security and foreign policy officials, reflecting the urgency and complexity of the talks.

According to sources familiar with the discussion, the meeting followed a phone call between Trump and Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, who has been mediating between Washington and Tehran. The Omani state news agency reported the two leaders reaffirmed support for advancing negotiations toward a meaningful outcome.

Participants included Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, National Security Adviser Mike Waltz, special envoy Steve Witkoff, CIA Director John Ratcliffe, and others. The administration remains split: Vance and Witkoff support diplomatic compromises, while Rubio and Waltz favor a harder stance.

Trump has sent mixed signals—voicing support for diplomacy while warning Iran of potential military action. “If we have to do something very harsh, we will do it,” he said Monday.

Witkoff described the initial talks in Oman as “positive” and clarified that the U.S. seeks to curb Iran's uranium enrichment above 3.67%, while requiring strict verification measures and a halt to missile development. His stance, however, differs from Israel's, which demands full dismantlement of Iran's program.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called the first talks “satisfactory” but expressed skepticism about U.S. intentions.

Although the next meeting was initially set for Rome, Iran announced it will now take place in

Muscat. U.S. officials have not yet confirmed the change.

The talks remain a critical test of renewed diplomacy under Trump's post-presidency influence.