

## U.S., Iran resume high-Stakes Nuclear talks amid Tensions



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Diplomatic efforts between the United States and Iran have resumed, as senior officials from both nations engage in renewed talks aimed at reviving nuclear cooperation and easing rising regional tensions.

The discussions, held in a neutral European capital, come after months of behind-the-scenes contact facilitated by intermediaries. Washington is pressing for renewed commitments from Tehran to curb uranium enrichment and increase transparency with international inspectors,

while Iran is demanding relief from sanctions and guarantees against future policy reversals.

Although the negotiations are not formally labeled as a revival of the 2015 nuclear deal abandoned by the Trump administration in 2018 they represent the most substantial engagement between the two countries in nearly a year. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken described the talks as “constructive but cautious,” noting that significant gaps still remain.

Iran’s delegation, led by Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani, has insisted that any agreement must include protection against sudden policy shifts by future U.S. administrations.

Tehran has also emphasized its right to peaceful nuclear technology under international law.

Analysts note that regional tensions particularly in the Red Sea and Gulf have added urgency to the negotiations. The Biden administration faces growing pressure from both allies and critics to stabilize relations with Tehran amid fears of broader conflict in the Middle East.

Both sides have agreed to continue discussions over the coming weeks, though the timeline for a potential agreement remains uncertain.