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The US and Israel launched large-scale strikes against Iran in June 2025. A year later, all parties to the conflict continue to fight, regularly announcing successful negotiations and a close end to the war.

Details. A year ago, Israel, supported by the US, [launched](#) strikes on Iranian nuclear and military facilities, beginning the "12-day war" and a broader escalation conflict in the Middle East. The [US aimed](#) to weaken the Chinese bloc, control Middle Eastern oil and trade routes, eliminate Iran's nuclear programme, and force the Iranian bourgeoisie into a compliant deal or regime change.

► Throughout the following year, the US and Israel failed to achieve their goals. After the suppression of [January protests](#), the US and Israel [launched](#) a second assault on February 28, targeting leadership, nuclear sites, missile infrastructure, and internal security. Iran retaliated against Israel, US bases, and Gulf states. A ceasefire was [declared](#) on April 8. Iran suffered a conventional [military defeat](#), yet its nuclear programme was not [eliminated](#), regime change did not occur, and the Strait of Hormuz remains [under Iranian control](#).

► Behind-the-scenes negotiations have run in parallel with military action throughout. Only broad information is given: a delineation of [spheres of influence](#), lifting of US [sanctions](#), a moratorium on nuclear enrichment, and [reopening](#) the Strait of Hormuz - in short, a deal between capitalist blocs over the terms of Iran's reorientation toward the West. Trump declared a deal imminent at least [38 times](#).

► Days before the anniversary, a new escalation erupted. Israel struck Lebanon; Iran retaliated with [nearly 30 ballistic missiles](#). By June 11, Trump threatened to hit Iran "[VERY HARD](#)" and seize [Kharg Island](#), handling 90% of Iran's crude exports - then cancelled the strikes hours later, declaring he had "[ended the war](#)". As of the anniversary, US and Iranian officials claim an [agreement is close](#), but offer conflicting accounts of its terms

Context. The Iran conflict is one front in a broader, accelerating global crisis. In 2025, researchers recorded [65 active conflicts](#) worldwide - the highest number of state-on-state confrontations since World War II.

► Negotiations behind closed doors while conflict continues is the [usual instrument](#) of imperialist powers today. After Russian officials five-hour meeting with Trump's envoy Witkoff over the "SMO", Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov [confirmed](#) "the content of these talks will definitely not be made public."

► Secret diplomacy is the typical method of imperialist powers. In WWI, Britain and France signed the [Sykes-Picot Agreement](#) - carving up the Middle East between them behind closed doors. In WWII, Britain, France, Germany and Italy met in [Munich](#) and handed Czechoslovakia's most strategically vital region to Nazi Germany - without inviting Czechoslovakia. The Czech government was simply presented with the finished terms.