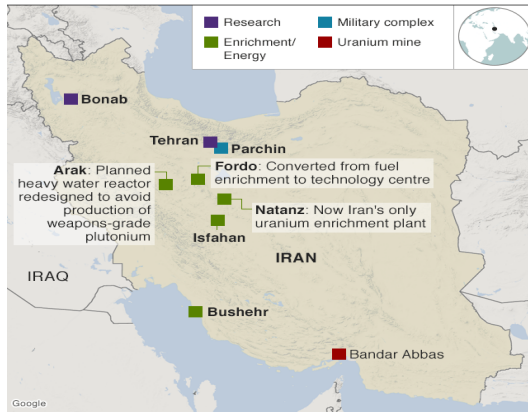


# The Middle East after the Iran Nuclear Deal

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Tallat Yasmin is group leader of The Middle East after the Iran Nuclear Deal research group of Political Science and International Relations, Government College for Women University, Faisalabad, Pakistan. The nuclear deal inked by Iran and major powers has implications not just for proliferation, but Middle Eastern security as well. Negotiations between Iran and major powers were narrow in scope, focused on limiting Iran’s nuclear program in exchange for relief from nuclear-related sanctions. Nevertheless, the deal they yielded has broader implications for a region strewn with local conflicts that have been exacerbated by the interventions of regional powers. Strategists weigh in on how Middle Eastern states and non-state actors are calibrating their policies, and what the new regional landscape might portend for conflicts from the Levant to Yemen. However, President Donald Trump in May 2018 announced the US government is withdrawing from the Iran nuclear agreement, which marked one of the biggest foreign policy decisions he's made since entering the White House. Trump's decision was highly controversial, especially given three of America's top allies – France, Germany and the UK – were strongly opposed to this move. Tensions between the US and Iran have reached historic heights during the Trump era, which can be traced back to his decision to withdraw from the 2015 agreement. However, newly elected President- Joe Biden has pledged to return to the deal, but he faces a tough, windy road ahead in pursuit of rescuing the agreement.

## Changes agreed under Iran deal to limit nuclear programme



## NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

