

# US threatens all-out war

For decades, Israel has wanted the US to bomb Iran. When President Obama signed a nuclear deal in 2015, lifting sanctions in exchange for verification that Iran was no longer pursuing nuclear weapons, Israel denounced the deal.

Powerful voices in America agreed with Israel. In Trump's first term as President, he cancelled the nuclear deal and resumed sanctions.

## Peacemaker?

But this time, Trump was elected on a platform of "no more wars". He promised peace in the Middle East. His supporters believed him, and many of them now regard US involvement in Israel's war as a colossal betrayal of his "America First" policy. They know US soldiers will die if Iran responds to US bombs.

But Trump is also surrounded by those who demand the US attack Iran. John Bolton, who served under Bush during the war on Iraq, opposes diplomacy. He wants the US to dismantle Iran's nuclear programme by force.

General Kurilla, the head of the US Central Command, is in close contact with Israel, favours the US joining Israeli strikes and has given Trump military options. Massive refuelling flights have already crossed the Atlantic.

## Bunker-busters

Unlike Israel, the US has bunker-buster bombs with sufficient power to damage the Iranian nuclear facility at Fordo, deep inside a mountain. A US attack on Iran could involve B2 bombers dropping bunker-busters on Fordo.

## Britain's role

On 17 June, Starmer told journalists "*there is nothing the president said that suggests he's about to get involved in this conflict*". On 18 June, Starmer called an emergency meeting of the COBRA committee. What are they up to?

A B2 bombing raid on Iran would expect to fly from Diego Garcia, in the Indian Ocean. That would require permission from the UK.

The Attorney General warned Starmer that involvement in US attacks could break UK law. Britain already arms Israel, trains Israeli soldiers and UK spy planes overfly Gaza from Cyprus.

## For an all-out anti-war movement now!

- **Tell your MP to condemn Israeli attacks on Iran and Gaza invasion, demand full access for UN and aid agencies, and a comprehensive arms embargo on Israel.**
- **Email David Lammy [tinyurl.com/dlammy2](mailto:tinyurl.com/dlammy2)**
- **Demo 5pm Mon 23 June Wallasey Town Hall. Merseyside Pension Fund to divest from arms firms supplying Israel and Israeli banks: [tinyurl.com/mpfform1](https://tinyurl.com/mpfform1)**
- **Demos Sundays 2pm Catholic Cathedral.**
- **Boycott Barclays.** Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter [tinyurl.com/tevalet1](https://tinyurl.com/tevalet1)

***The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Under international law, an occupied people have the right to resist the occupation, including by the use of force. Targeted attacks on civilians (by both Palestinian and Israeli forces on 7<sup>th</sup> October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7<sup>th</sup> October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.***



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