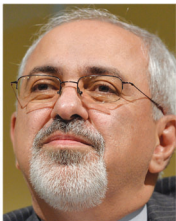


Iran nears interim nuclear deal with U.S.

Iran and the six world powers are set to reach a preliminary agreement under which the Islamic state would curb some of its nuclear activities in exchange for limited relief from sanctions



John Kerry,
U.S. Secretary
of State



**Mohammad
Zarif**, Iran's
foreign minister

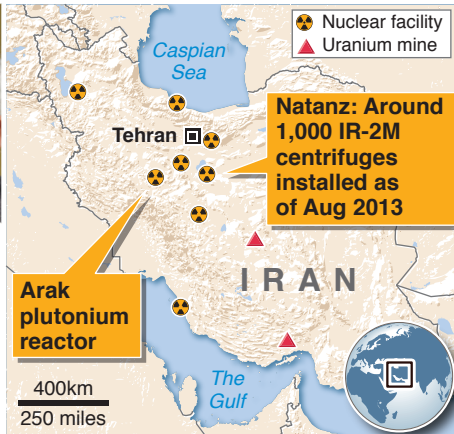
PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

Proposed deal over six-month time frame would allow possibility of more permanent agreement in the long term

■ Iran would stop weapons-grade 20% uranium enrichment and turn existing stockpile into harmless oxide

■ Tehran would be allowed to continue enriching uranium at 3.5% purity needed for nuclear power stations, but limit number of centrifuges used for this purpose

■ U.S. would ease “reversible” economic sanctions, possibly by releasing some Iranian foreign exchange reserves or relaxing restrictions on petrochemical industries



■ Iran would halt activation of Arak heavy water reactor while being allowed to continue working on facility

■ Tehran would agree not to use its more advanced **IR-2M** centrifuges, which can enrich uranium between three and five times faster than older model

■ Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** warns that any deal which failed to stop Iran from enriching uranium would be a “mistake of historic proportions”