

Iran-Israel tensions grow

Israel has escalated pressure on Iran in the final days of the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump, increasing the risk of Iranian retaliation

1 Nov 27, 2020

Israel suspected of assassinating top Iranian nuclear scientist **Mohsen Fakhrizadeh** on outskirts of Tehran

2 Jan 4, 2021: Iran

says it has begun enriching uranium up to 20 percent purity at its underground Fordow facility, in breach of 2015

Joint Comprehensive

Plan of Action

(JCPOA) nuclear deal agreed by Islamic Republic and group of world powers

3 Early Jan: Israeli military deploys missile defences in southern Israel as precautionary move against possible long-range attack by Iran-backed **Houthi** rebels based in Yemen

4 Jan 12: Israel reportedly conducts widespread series of airstrikes against Iranian-linked targets along Iraqi-Syrian border, killing at least 57 people

5 Jan 13: UN nuclear watchdog says Iran has started work on producing uranium metal at its Isfahan facility, another violation of JCPOA

Jan 13: Israeli minister **Tzachi Hanegbi** (left) says Israel could attack Iran's nuclear sites if incoming administration of U.S. President-elect **Joe Biden** rejoins JCPOA

