

Iran election may slow nuclear deal

Iran's June 18 presidential election comes as world powers are trying to hammer out an agreement to revive the 2015 nuclear accord abandoned by former U.S. President Donald Trump



◀ **Jun 2013:** President **Hassan Rouhani** elected on pledge to ease nuclear-related sanctions on economy

Jun 2021: Ultraconservative **Ebrahim Raisi** – front-runner to replace Rouhani
Iran's low-enriched uranium-235 stockpile (kg)



Jul 2015: **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)** – Iran nuclear deal – limits Iran's stockpile to **300kg** of uranium hexafluoride enriched to only **3.67%**

Jan 2016: International sanctions lifted, unfreezing billions of dollars of assets

May 2018: President Trump quits Iran nuclear deal

May 2019: Rouhani "reduces compliance" with JCPOA in response to U.S. withdrawal

Nov 2020: Assassination of Iranian nuclear scientist, **Mohsen Fakhrizadeh**, blamed on Israel



Apr 2021: Attack against Natanz nuclear site

