

# Iran Says It Won't Enrich Uranium Over 60% If Nuclear Deal Talks Fail

JCPOA negotiations in Vienna will resume Monday

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*On Saturday, the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization [said Iran wouldn't enrich uranium over 60 percent](#) even if the negotiations in Vienna to revive the nuclear deal, known as the JCPOA, fail.*

In response to an Israeli attack on Iran's Natanz nuclear facility back in April, Tehran began enriching some uranium at 60 percent, which is still below the 90 percent needed for weapons-grade. When asked by *Sputnik* if Iran would exceed 60 percent enrichment, Iran's atomic energy chief Mohammad Eslami answered, "No."

"All our nuclear activities are carried out according to the agreements, statutes, and regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency," Eslami added.

The JCPOA negotiations in Vienna are currently on pause but are expected to resume on Monday. Since the talks resumed at the end of November, the US has been accusing Iran of not taking the process seriously. The Biden administration wants Tehran to accept a draft agreement that was reached during earlier negotiations with the previous Iranian government, but Iran wants more sanctions relief.

US officials have also been warning that time is running out on the talks. Last week, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan visited Israel and said the deadline for the negotiations [will come "within weeks"](#) if an agreement isn't reached." He also met with Israeli officials to reassure them that the US was willing to take a harder line on Iran.

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