

Dangerous pitch: Trump's move to alter or scrap Iran nuclear deal benefits no one

US President Donald Trump's decision to decertify the Iran nuclear deal presents a fresh challenge to global peace and security.

Articulating (साफ़ साफ़ बोलना) his new Iran policy, Trump *reiterated* (बार बार कहना) his campaign *rhetoric* (वाक्पटुता empty talk) that Iran had not *lived up to* ([live up to something] to be as good as what was expected or promised) the deal despite evidence *to the contrary*.

making you think that the opposite may be true Eg: *Despite all evidence to the contrary,*

he believed his plan would succeed.) Trump now wants US Congress to slap more restrictions on Iran, failing which he has threatened to scrap the deal altogether. This is *reckless* (जल्दबाज, लापरवाह) and

counterproductive (प्रतिकूल). In fact, European parties to the deal disagree with Trump's assessment – the accord has drastically reduced Iran's nuclear fuel *stockpile*. (बड़ी मात्रा में बचा कर रखना) Hence, should Trump get Congress to *unilaterally* (एकतरफ़ा) add on more *stipulations* (शर्त, नियम) on Iran – something that Tehran is certain to reject – Washington will find itself *isolated* (अलग-थलग) even among its *allies* (मित्र राष्ट्र).

It therefore makes sense for Iran, and serves its interests, not to *jump the gun* (to do or say something too soon, before you know that it is suitable or correct) and scrap the deal from its end. Trump appears motivated by an ideological mission to *wipe out* (मिटा देना) his *predecessor* (किसी पद पर जो पहले रह चुका हो) Barack Obama's *legacy*, (विरासत) including on foreign policy. But in

the process he is doing great *damage to* US credibility abroad. *Jeopardising* (जोखिम में डालना) the Iran deal makes it harder for Washington to push *non-proliferation* (the prevention of something increasing or spreading (especially the prevention of an increase in the number of countries possessing nuclear weapons, परमाणु प्रसार निरोध) or *resolve* (समाधान करना) other international issues. Tensions have already risen with North Korea over its nuclear programme. With Trump *intermittently* (रुक-रुक कर) suggesting he is open to talks with Pyongyang, sinking the Iran deal will make Kim Jong-un unable to trust assurances by any US president.

Plus, Iran today has a moderate president in Hassan Rouhani who is trying to implement reforms and open up the Islamic republic to foreign investors.

Rescinding (रोक देना) the nuclear deal will only strengthen the *hardliners* (कड़ा रुख अपनाने वाला) in Tehran. Moreover, if the US wants to stabilise Afghanistan, it needs to have a working relationship with Iran. Taken together, scrapping the Iran nuclear deal will have *disastrous* (संकटपूर्ण) *consequences* (परिणाम) all round.