

# **Iran's grip weakens as Israel and the West weigh decisive sanctions**

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 25.08.2025

Israeli strikes blunt Houthi threats in Yemen while Europe considers snapback sanctions on Tehran. This pressure could cripple Iran's missile program and destabilize the regime.

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# **Beirut vs Tehran: Ali Larijani's visit and Lebanon's struggle for sovereignty**

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Following Hezbollah's weakening on Lebanon's internal front, compounded by its defeat by Israel, the country is experiencing profound upheaval.

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Any good policy approach must take into account Israel's security, its diplomatic objectives and relationship with its Druze citizens.

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# **Israel between loyalty toward the Druze and detente in Syria**

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The Jewish state owes a debt to the Druze and a moral duty to stop the massacres – yet it must not jeopardise a fragile opening to the regime.

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The high-stakes diplomatic encounter comes as Trump seeks to capitalize on military victory against Iran's nuclear program to accelerate Middle East peace processes, creating both extraordinary opportunities and complex challenges for Israel's long-term security interests.

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# **The targeted killing of Mohammad Sinwar is a massive blow to Hamas**

# **& Iran**

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Without the leading figures who directed the war effort from Hamas's side, the group will struggle to function effectively, though it will likely continue to resist a comprehensive hostage deal.

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Within a few years, Iran could resume its nuclear ambitions - this time with a bolstered ballistic arsenal and possibly intercontinental capabilities, posing a direct threat to the United States.

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## **Neutering Turkish ambition is key to peace in the Middle East**

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Only the US — trusted by both sides — can broker an arrangement that secures their vital interests and outlines a shared future in Syria.

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One cannot undervalue Nasrallah's importance in promoting Hezbollah and relations with Iran.

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Most in the West believe an Egyptian-Israeli war is unthinkable. That assumption should be reexamined.