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Despite Deal, US or Israel Might Still Attack Iran at Any Time

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A groundbreaking framework agreement today between the international community and Iran has caused most to breathe a sigh of relief, as it seemingly forestalls the calls from hawks, non-stop for decades, to attack Iran.

But has the war been prevented? Not necessarily. Israeli officials, griping about the deal even before it was made, have dialed up that criticism more, and having failed to sabotage the

negotiations through lobbying the US Congress, they may look to “veto” the deal by starting a war and assuming everyone will back them.

Israeli Intelligence Minister Yuval Steinitz is talking up that option in particular today, saying Israel may have “no choice” but to use the military option to counter the “threat” of the deal.

Steinitz bragged that the 1981 Israeli attack on a nuclear reactor in Iraq was done entirely without US permission or cooperation, saying US efforts at diplomacy would not stop an Israeli war.

Even the US isn’t immune to this sort of warmongering talk, with Defense Secretary Ash Carter declaring just days ago that the US could sign a “final” deal with Iran and then attack them anyhow if it thought it would benefit them.