

Donald Trump Warns, 'Israel Will Not Survive' Iran Deal

Republican presidential candidates Donald Trump and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) criticized the Iran nuclear deal at the "Stop the Iran Deal Rally," hosted by the Tea Party Patriots on Capitol Hill on Wednesday. The rally was held just as Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei released new comments on Twitter bashing Israel and the U.S.

"We are led by very, very stupid people," said Trump, who is currently the leading GOP candidate in the polls. He called the deal "incompetent."

Trump also pointed to new comments made Wednesday by Khamenei, who posted on Twitter that Israel "will not see next 25 years."

The tweet included a photo showing the ayatollah apparently walking on a sidewalk painted as the Israel flag, with a quote from an earlier speech by the leader that "God willing, there will be nothing as Zionist regime by next 25 years. Secondly, until then, struggling, heroic and jihadi morale will leave no moment of serenity for Zionists."

Khamenei also retweeted the frequent Iranian reference to the U.S. as the "Great Satan."

"We would negotiate and reach agreement in different levels of 'state, religion or ethnic groups' with all countries but the Great Satan," Khamenei tweeted.

"Our president is calling the person who is really the boss in Iran 'Supreme Leader,'" Trump said at the rally.

"It just came out a little while ago, he said Israel will not exist in 25 also said very very strongly that this is the end

of our dealings with the United , they rip us off, they take our money, they make us look like fools, and now they're back to being who they are. They don't want Israel to incompetent leadership like we have right now, Israel will *not* survive," he said.

In his own speech at the rally, Cruz said that supporters of the Iran nuclear deal will not be able to "wash" blood off their hands as a result of the consequences of the accord, which critics say will enable Iran to use sanctions relief to sponsor terrorism across the Middle East.

"Any commander-in-chief worthy of defending this nation should be prepared to stand up on Jan. 20, 2017, and rip to shreds this catastrophic deal," Cruz said.

Cruz called the deal "the single greatest national security threat facing America."

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