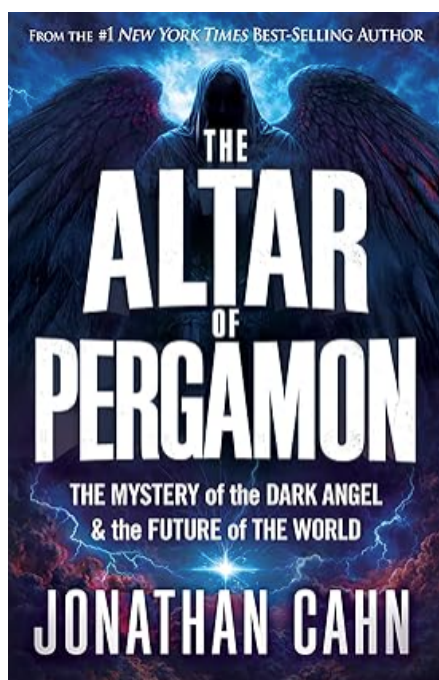


Renewed U.S.-Iran Hormuz Clashes Complicate Nuclear Deal Talks

JERUSALEM, Israel – Fresh fighting overnight in the Middle East has pushed the Iran negotiations to the edge after U.S. forces launched strikes in response to Iranian drone attacks on vessels in the Strait of Hormuz.

The U.S. action came on Wednesday [when the Tehran regime](#) sent drones targeting commercial and American vessels.

Iran sent 4 one-way attack drones before American fighter jets shot them down and struck a drone control station near the Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*.



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At a Wednesday cabinet meeting, President Trump said that months of pressure and military setbacks have left the regime

negotiating from a position of weakness.

“Everything’s gone, and they’re negotiating on fumes,” the president remarked. “But we’ll see what happens. Maybe we have to go back and finish it. Maybe we don’t.”

Emboldened by strong showings from Trump-backed candidates in the Texas primary runoff elections on Tuesday, Trump rejected claims that midterm election politics is shaping his negotiating strategy.

Concerning Tehran’s decision-making, he stated, “They thought they were going to outwait me, you know, we’ll outwait him. ‘He’s got the midterms.’ I don’t care about the midterms. Look what happened last night.”

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