

USA-Iran Tension and Its Impact on Persian Gulf Security

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The rivalry between the US and Iran has lasted for more than half a century, and diplomatic relations between the US and Iran have been terminated since the 1980's. This unbeatable feud between the US and Iran has resulted in hostage takings, sanctions, assassinations, as well as proxy wars. The growing nuclear power of Iran has exacerbated this tension between the US and Iran. As the Persian Gulf is a vital maritime region for Iran as it is the sea lane that transports Iran's oil throughout the world and owing to the strategically significant location of the Persian Gulf, which attracts the interests of extra regional powers like the USA make itself vulnerable in the scenario of the US-Iran tension. Thus, this research will primarily examine how the US-Iran conflict influences the security of the Persian Gulf as it plays a central role between the US and Iran by going through a brief history behind this uninterrupted feud and the significance of the Persian Gulf for both parties. Fundamentally, this research will be qualitative research with an analytical approach, and basically, secondary sources like books, journals, and government reports will be used as the data collection methodology.

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