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**U.S. re-imposes sanctions on Iran – 7th November, 2018**

## Level 4

The USA has put economic sanctions back on Iran. It said there would be "relentless" financial pressure unless Iran changes its "revolutionary course". The sanctions that were lifted in 2015 after the Iranian nuclear deal are now back in place. They target Iran's economy, such as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and financial sectors. The U.S. described the new penalties as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran".

Iran's president was defiant in the face of the sanctions and said Iran would break them. He said Mr Trump was, "a throwback to the era of Bush...and a repeat of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no longer pay attention." Al Jazeera said the sanctions were a backward step and that Trump had destroyed the goodwill that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the world.

## Level 5

The USA has re-imposed economic sanctions on Iran. It warned Iran there would be "relentless" pressure unless it changes its "revolutionary course". President Trump reinstated all sanctions that were lifted in 2015 after the Iranian nuclear deal. Most sanctions target Iran's economy. The U.S. described the new penalties as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran". It added they would, "target critical sectors of Iran's economy, such as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and financial sectors" to put "maximum financial pressure on the Iranian regime".

Iran's president was defiant in the face of the renewed sanctions. He said: "We will proudly break the sanctions." He described Mr Trump's administration as, "a throwback to the era of Bush junior and a repeat of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no longer pay attention." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were a backward step. It wrote: "With one Trump signature, the goodwill that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the world crumbled in a matter of months."

## Level 6

The USA has re-imposed tough economic sanctions on Iran. The U.S. Secretary of State warned Iran that it would be subject to "relentless" pressure unless it changes its "revolutionary course". The Trump administration reinstated all sanctions that were lifted in 2015 as a result of the Iranian nuclear deal. Most of the sanctions target core parts of Iran's economy. The U.S. Treasury described the new penalties as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran". It added they would, "target critical sectors of Iran's economy, such as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and financial sectors". It added: "The USA is engaged in a campaign of maximum financial pressure on the Iranian regime."

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani struck a defiant tone in the face of the renewed sanctions. He told his government: "We will proudly break the sanctions." Rouhani described the administration of President Donald Trump as, "a throwback to the era of Bush junior and a repeat of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The era of such statements has evolved and the Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no longer pay attention." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were a backward step. It wrote: "With one Trump signature, the goodwill that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the world crumbled in a matter of months."