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IAEA board censures Iran for not complying with nuclear obligations

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Context

- The UN nuclear watchdog's board of governors on Thursday formally found that Iran is not complying with its nuclear obligations for the first time in 20 years, a move that could lead to further tensions and set in motion an effort to restore UN sanctions on Tehran later this year.
- Iran reacted immediately, saying it will establish a new enrichment facility "in a secure location" and that "other measures are also being planned".
- U.S. President Donald Trump previously warned that **Israel or America could carry out air strikes targeting Iranian nuclear facilities if negotiations failed to reach an agreement** — and some American personnel and their families have begun leaving the region over the tensions, which come ahead of a new round of Iran-U.S. talks in Oman.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

- IAEA is an intergovernmental organisation that seeks to **promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy and to inhibit its use for any military purpose, including nuclear weapons.**
- It was established in **1957 as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organisation within the UN**, and governed by its own founding treaty - the Statute of the IAEA.
- It **reports to both the UNGA and the UNSC** and is headquartered at the UN Office at **Vienna, Austria**
- In 2005, it was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** for its work for a safe and peaceful world.
- The IAEA has 178 member states, **India being one of the founding members** of it

What was the 2015 Iran nuclear deal (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA))?

- Negotiations between **Iran and P5+1**: It was the result of prolonged negotiations between Iran and P5+1 (**China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States + Germany**).
- **Iran agreed to significantly cut its stores of centrifuges, enriched uranium and heavy-water**, all key components for nuclear weapons.
- IAEA inspection: Iran also agreed to implement a protocol that would **allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to access its nuclear sites**

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