

The “Framework Deal”

Fresh off the press, Reuters [Fox News](#), refers to the issues surrounding the framework agreement:

The announcement follows days of talks that went into overtime after missing a March 31 deadline, raising doubts on whether the negotiators could reach any agreement at all. Even with the framework, negotiators have weeks of talks ahead of them. And critics were likely to oppose the “plan of action” because of concessions allowing Iran to maintain significant elements of a program that could, someday, be used to produce either energy or nuclear arms. Most immediately, Obama will face pressure from congressional skeptics concerned about the direction of talks and seeking a vote on Capitol Hill. [...]

The talks have been on shaky ground in recent days, with U.S. lawmakers worried Iran was making unreasonable demands and some even urging the U.S. delegation to “walk away” from the negotiating table.

Thus the question is why Iran made such an about-turn in recent days. Did the Islamist State intend to compromise or is this just another chapter in a covert campaign to push for nuclear weaponry, by buying time by any necessary means? While “dozens” of parameters” have been agreed upon, the agreement’s partiality may suggest that the framework deal is in part an endeavour to keep talking, for both sides to buy time, albeit for differing reasons. It appears that the fact-sheet the US issued on the framework deal has been dismissed as “spin”