Bolton: Trump Should 'Tear Up' the Iran Nuclear Deal

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Iran's ongoing tests of ballistic missiles has shown that Iran is in no mood to comply with the United Nations, and justifies a decision by [President Trump](http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/section/donald-trump) to "tear up" the Iran nuclear deal, according to former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton.

Bolton, who Trump was considering for secretary of state during the transition, said new sanctions and tougher talk from Trump won't be enough to curb Iran's actions.

"Iran's continued missile testing on Saturday has given [President Trump](http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/section/donald-trump) one more reason to tear up his predecessor's deal with the regime in Tehran," he wrote in the [Wall Street Journal](https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-iran-deal-cant-be-enforced-1486336493).

Bolton called the Iran deal "diplomatic malpractice," and noted that the Iran nuclear agreement is an annex to a UN resolution that includes another annex that simply says Iran is "called upon" not to engage in any activity related to ballistic missiles that are "designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons."

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"Iran is not forbidden from engaging in all ballistic-missile activity, merely 'called upon' to do so," Bolton wrote.

He said those loopholes make it easy for Iran to claim non-violation. In fact, he argued, Iran has already argued that it has no nuclear weapons program, which means it's impossible from Iran's point of view to violate the ballistic missile language.

"Every day Washington lets pass without ripping the deal up is a day of danger for America and its friends," Bolton wrote. "We proceed slowly at our peril."