

Biden can't repeat Iran mistakes

Thank you for publishing the Bloomberg News-story "Iran: US must move first on nuclear deal" in Monday's Extra Extra eEdition section. While it was critically important that President Joe Biden moved to extend by five years the nuclear treaty with Russia, it is equally important that he move quickly during this very narrow window of opportunity to work with the existing relatively moderate Iranian government before radical Iranians take over this summer.

Unfortunately, Biden's hard-line statements in his CBS interview before the Super Bowl made him sound more like Donald Trump than the president he could be. Trump initiated economic sanctions against the people of Iran that included bans on urgently needed medical supplies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Iran and Europe have acted in good faith in this years-long process, but the U.S. has not.

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