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# Trump renews military threats against Iran as Russia urges restraint and diplomacy

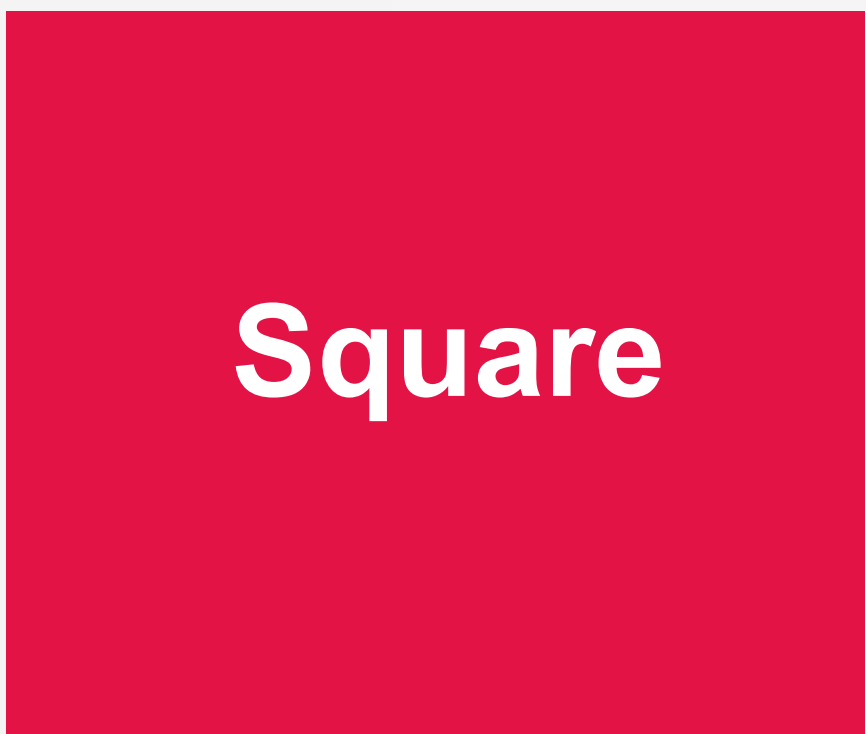
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#### Rising tensions once again

Tensions between the United States and Iran have flared up after President Donald Trump renewed threats of military action unless Tehran agrees to negotiate its nuclear program. The rhetoric has prompted reactions from global powers, including Russia, which has called for restraint and renewed diplomatic efforts.

#### Russia's call for dialogue

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated that diplomatic channels between Washington and Tehran remain open. He warned that the use of force could plunge the Middle East into chaos, creating consequences far beyond the immediate conflict.

#### US pressure strategy

Trump's comments reflect a long-standing policy of pressure aimed at preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. He referenced previous military strikes as evidence that the United States is prepared to act if necessary. Iran, however, continues to deny any intention to develop nuclear arms.

#### Military buildup in the region

The deployment of a US carrier strike group, led by the USS Abraham Lincoln, signals Washington's readiness to intervene. While intended as deterrence, the move also increases the risk of miscalculation.

#### Iran's internal and external challenges

Iran faces ongoing domestic unrest, adding another layer of complexity to the standoff. At the same time, Tehran has sent mixed signals about its willingness to engage in talks.

#### Turkey steps in

Turkey has emerged as a potential mediator, offering to facilitate dialogue between the two sides. Ankara's involvement highlights regional efforts to prevent a slide toward open conflict.

#### Conclusion: Diplomacy or confrontation

The current standoff underscores the fragile balance between diplomacy and force. With global actors urging caution, the coming weeks will determine whether negotiations can avert another crisis in the Middle East.

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