



## Debate on Iranian Oil Sanctions in the Indian Press

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| News/Op-ed   | Key Takeaway  |
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| <p>View: India has to navigate US' Iran oil sanctions both economically and geopolitically</p> <p><b>Economic Times</b><br/> <i>(By Sanjaya Baru, Board Member, CUTS Washington DC Center and Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies &amp; Analyses, New Delhi)</i></p> | <p>For India, neither the US nor Iran are hostile nations. But if either resorts to measures that harm India, it would have no option but to <u>reconsider relationships</u>, to the extent possible.</p>   |
| <p>US policy on Iran: Counterproductive</p> <p><b>Economic Times</b></p>   | <p>The US thinks starving Iran of oil revenues will force it to the negotiating table. In fact, the move <u>will strengthen</u> Iran's hardliners opposed to curbing their nuclear programme, and weaken moderates, including President Hassan Rouhani.</p> |
| <p>US to India: Helping you on Masood Azhar, so end Iran oil imports</p> <p><b>Indian Express</b></p>  | <p>Washington has conveyed to Delhi that it has stood by India on combating terrorism after the Pulwama attack and <u>expects reciprocity</u> on President Donald Trump's commitment to disrupt Iran's terror network.</p>                                  |
| <p>India explores for crude oil on sweeter terms after end of Iran oil waiver</p> <p><b>Live Mint</b></p>  | <p>India is <u>trying to leverage</u> its robust middle-east ties for oil imports from countries such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UAE.</p>  |
| <p>India seeks right balance of ties with US, Iran</p> <p><b>Economic Times</b></p>  | <p>New Delhi plans to assert its <u>strategic autonomy</u> by continuing to pursue its partnership with Tehran in long-term strategic interests.</p>  |
| <p>Iran sanctions: India lines up alternate sources, supplies not to be impacted</p> <p><b>Economic Times</b></p>  | <p>India claims to have <u>wide network</u> of crude sources and alternate sources lined up to make up for any shortfall.</p>   |
| <p>India's Chabahar port project in Iran won't be impacted by US sanctions: Trump administration</p> <p><b>Press Trust of India</b></p>  | <p>The exception for reconstruction assistance and economic development for Afghanistan, which includes the development and operation of Chabahar Port, is a <u>separate exception</u>, and will not be affected.</p>                                       |