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Acronyms and abbreviations

GCC- Gulf Cooperation Council.

IAEA- International Atomic Energy Agency.

IRGC- Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

JCPOA- Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

NIAC- National Iranian American Council.

Glossary

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei- Supreme Leader of Iran since 1989.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini- First Supreme Leader of Iran from 1979–89.

Ebrahim Raisi- President of Iran since 2021.

Green Movement- Political movement from 2009–10 that sought to remove President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad from office.

Hamas- Palestinian militant organization and a major Palestinian political party.

Henry Kissinger- U.S. Secretary of State from 1973–77.

Hezbollah- Lebanese Shia Islamist political party and militant group.

Kurds- A mainly Islamic people living in parts of eastern Syria, eastern Turkey, northern Iraq, and western Iraq.

Revolutionary Guards- A branch of the Iranian Armed Forces.

Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi- Last Shah of Iran in office 1941–79 .

