**U.S. AND IRAN RUMP UP TENSIONS**

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Two rival countries on opposite sides of the world, U.S. and Iran are speaking out against each other but they`re also both saying they don`t want to go to war. In the United States, there`s a meeting scheduled for Tuesday between the Trump Administration and members of the U.S. Senate the subject is the Middle Eastern country of Iran.

 In recent weeks the U.S. has suggested that Iran may be planning attacks on Americans in the Middle East.

Iran has denied that both nations have ramped up their criticism of each other since last year when the U.S. withdrew from an international nuclear deal with Iran.

 Over the past week, there`ve been some suspicious events taking place in the Middle East. There was the apparent sabotage of four oil carrying ships near the United Emirates Arab.

 There was a drone attack on an oil pipeline near the Strait of Hormuz. It hasn`t been proven who`s responsible but Saudi Arabia blames a group supported by Iran for targeting the pipeline. Separately, U.S. officials say their intelligence indicates Iran might be putting missiles on small boats in the Persian Gulf that body of water is on Iran`s southern border.

An American aircraft carrier battle group has been deployed to the region. American bomber planes and defense missiles have been sent there.

American staff members have been told to leave the U.S. Embassy in Iraq, that`s on Iran`s western border. Still, with all this going on Iran`s supreme leader has said there will be no war and its foreign minister added that no country is quote "under the illusion of being able to fight Iran."

At the White House when U.S. President Donald Trump was recently asked about the possibility of war with Iran, he said quote, "I hope not." But he later tweeted if Iran wants to fight, that will be the official end of Iran never threaten the United States again.

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