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Former Obama National Security Adviser Gen. James Jones: Under Obama We Are "Right Back Where We Were" Four Years Ago On The Middle East And Iran



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Former Obama National Security Adviser Gen. James Jones: "With The Middle East And Iran, We Are Probably Right Back Where We Were, You Know, Three Or Four Years Ago." PBS's CHARLIE ROSE: "I want to go first to General Jones then to Zbigniew Brzezinski because these are the kind of questions you had to face when you took office in 2008, give me a sense of how you looked at them and how the president looked at them and how he tried to act within the context of new ideas." GEN. JAMES JONES: "Well, the whole setup for analyzing the world that we face was based on an initial premise that we needed to take, size up the problems, talk to the people that historically were causing us difficulties and see if there was some way to proceed ahead as we now know in some cases we made some progress. I would cite the START treaty as an example of a successful couple of years of hard work with the Russians. On the other hand, with the Middle East and Iran, we are probably right back where we were, you know, three or four years ago. So it is -- it is great to be able to come in and try to think strategically but you're really many times driven by the tactics of the moment and you find yourself responding to the tactical impulses that face us and that's very hard to keep that strategic focus." (PBS's "[Charlie Rose](#)," 10/23/12)

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