

Khamenei hails Obama 'window of opportunity' on Iran
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TEHRAN, March 8 — Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has welcomed comments by US President Barack Obama about the need to dampen the drumbeat of war as a diplomatic “window of opportunity”, the Iranian state news agency IRNA said today.

“We heard two days ago that the US president said that (they) are not thinking about war with Iran. These words are good words and an exit from delusion,” IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying.

But Khamenei said Obama had also spoken about bringing “the Iranian people to their knees through sanctions. This part of his comments shows that the illusion continues.”

The United States and European allies have expanded economic sanctions against the Islamic republic to get it to rein in its disputed nuclear programme. — Reuters

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