

# Iran, IAEA agree to cooperate based on last year agreement

**International Desk**

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) agreed to resume their cooperation based on a last year agreement in order to resolve their differences. Director General of the IAEA paid a two-day visit to Iran on Monday and Tuesday and held talks with several Iranian officials, including the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, Mohammad Eslami. In a joint press conference with the IAEA chief, Eslami hailed his "constructive" talks with Grossi and described last year's joint statement as a roadmap for cooperation between Iran and the IAEA. He also emphasized that Iran will continue its interaction with the IAEA

in three areas, saying, the first one is related to the past issues, with a focus on solving the issue of two locations. "The second one is about the current situation and following up expectations and shortcomings within the framework of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Safeguards Agreement... The responsibility for third one lies on Grossi and he should take steps for the future." Back in March 2023 and during a visit by the IAEA chief to Tehran, Iran and the IAEA agreed to take steps aimed at facilitating enhanced cooperation and expediting the resolution of outstanding safeguards issues. According to a statement, both sides recognized that such positive engagements between Iran and the IAEA can pave the way for wider



Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Mohammad Eslami (R) shakes hands with Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Grossi before a press conference in Isfahan, Iran, on May 7, 2024.  
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agreements among state parties. Both sides agreed that bi-

lateral interactions will be carried out in a spirit of collaboration, and in

full conformity with the competencies of the IAEA and the rights and obliga-

tions of Iran based on the comprehensive safeguards agreement.

## Hezbollah drone attack kills Israeli soldiers

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Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement said on Monday it carried out a drone attack on an Israeli military position near the northern Israeli town of Metula. The Israeli military later confirmed two soldiers were killed in the attack. Hezbollah also said it had sent dozens of rockets towards military targets deep inside the occupied territories. The Israeli Army said it attempted, but failed, to intercept the explosive drone that ultimately struck and killed the soldiers. Another soldier was lightly hurt in the attack, the military added. Hezbollah and Israel have been exchanging fire since early October, shortly after the occupying regime launched its war on Gaza. The movement has vowed to keep up its retaliatory operations as long as the Tel Aviv regime continues its onslaught on Gaza.

## Israeli tanks enter Rafah, seize key border crossing

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Israeli tanks seized control of Gaza's vital Rafah border crossing on Tuesday as Israel brushed off urgent warnings from close allies and moved into the southern city even as cease-fire negotiations with Hamas remained on a knife's edge. Hamas issued a statement calling Israel's move a "dangerous escalation" which threatens the lives of hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians in Rafah and facilities protected by international law. The UN also warned of a potential collapse of the flow of aid to Palestinians from the closure of Rafah and the other main crossing into Gaza, Kerem Sha-



lom, at a time when officials say the northern part of the enclave is already experiencing "full-blown famine." The incursion comes after Israel said it would continue its military operation in Rafah even after Hamas said it had accepted a Gaza cease-fire proposal put forward by Qatari and Egyptian mediators. Israel insisted the

deal did not meet its core demands. The high-stakes diplomatic moves and military brinkmanship left a glimmer of hope alive — if only barely — for a deal to bring at least a pause in the war, which as it marked its 7-month point Tuesday, has killed more than 34,700 Palestinians and has devastated the Gaza Strip.

## IRGC chief: Anti-Israel operations expose regime's vulnerability

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The chief commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) said Hamas' Operation Al-Aqsa Storm and Iran's Operation True Promise against Israel exposed the vulnerability of the Israeli regime. Major General Hossein Salami made the remarks in a ceremony in the capital Tehran in commemoration of the IRGC advisors assassinated in an Israeli attack against the Iranian consulate in Syria on April 1. He described the large-scale and surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm launched by Palestinian resistance groups on October 7 as proof of the com-

plete failure of the Israeli intelligence service. Salami highlighted that the extensive missile and drone strikes that the IRGC launched in the early hours of April 14 on the Israeli-occupied territories, dubbed Operation True Promise, dealt a severe blow to Israel and showed the incapability of the anti-missile systems that the United States, Britain, France and even some Arab states have deployed in the West Asia region. Operation True Promise inflicted damage on Israeli military bases across the occupied lands. The retaliatory strikes came after the Israeli attack on April 1 against the Iranian consulate in Da-

mascus, which killed seven members of the IRGC, including two senior commanders. The IRGC chief commander further noted that enemies are nearing their end, stressing that Operation Al-Aqsa Storm pushed Israel to the verge of "brain death," exposed its vulnerability and demonstrated the fact that the Tel Aviv regime is so shaky. "The most abhorrent regimes on earth are Israel and the US which supports it. Through US military and political support and on the West artificial respiration, it (Israel) has been able to extend its existence which is coming to an end," Salami pointed out.

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Items	Material Description	Quantity
1	CASING 5 IN" API GRAE L-80 SEAMLESS "VAM FJL" THREAD RANGE 3, 18 PPF	1,400LE
2	CASING 5 IN" API GRAE P-110, PSL: 2 SEAMLESS "VAM FLUSH JOINT" THREAD RANGE 3, 18 PPF	1,600LE

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01	CASING, API GRADE C-110, SEAMLESS "VAM", "N.VAM" THREAD, RANGE 3(MAX LEN:40.5 FT) AS PER API 5CT/ISO11960 / MARKING: COLD DIE STAMPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH API 5CT 7 IN. 35 PPF	3000 LE
02	COUPLING, CASING, API GRADE C-110, SEAMLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH API 5CT & NACE MR0175 PHOSFATED COATING COUPLING SIZE, WEIGHT & THREAD AS SPECIFIED 7IN 35 PPF, N.VAM	150 NO

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