

# Iran files complaint to UNSC over Trump's threats of military attack

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Iran filed a complaint to the United Nations Security Council over recent threatening remarks by the US President Donald Trump against the Islamic Republic, Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi said on Tuesday.

In a post on his X account, Gharibabadi said that a "large turnout" of the Iranians in the Monday's nationwide rallies commemorating the 46th anniversary of the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution was a "strong response" to the US president's recent threats.

"Iran will resolutely protect its security and national interests," Gharibabadi added.

He called Trump's remarks in "violation of international law and the UN Charter."

His comments came following the US president's talks of Israel's military attack on Iran if Washington and Tehran fail to reach an agreement on the latter's nuclear program.



"I would like a deal done with Iran on non-nuclear. I would prefer that to bombing the hell out of it... They don't want to die. Nobody wants to die," Trump told New York Post on Saturday.

"If we made the deal, Israel wouldn't bomb them." In a separate interview with Fox News on Monday, the US president reiterated its threats, saying that "I think Iran would love to make a deal

and I would love to make a deal with them without bombing them."

"Everybody thinks Israel with our help or our approval will go in and bomb the hell out of them," Trump said, stressing

that Israel would need the US support for such a strike.

"I would prefer that not happen. I'd much rather see a deal with Iran where we can do a deal, supervise, check it, inspect it."

After taking office on January 20, the US president restored his so-called "maximum pressure" campaign on Iran that includes efforts to drive its oil exports down to zero.

## Snapback of sanctions

Trump also directed his UN ambassador to work with allies to "complete the snapback of international sanctions and restrictions on Iran," under a 2015 deal between Iran and world powers that lifted sanctions on Tehran in return for curbs on its nuclear program.

The US walked out of the agreement in 2018, during Trump's first term, and Iran began moving away from its commitments under the deal after parties to the agreement failed to keep up their end of the bargain. The Trump administration had also

tried to trigger the snapback of sanctions in 2020, but the move was dismissed by the UN Security Council.

Responding to the Trump's threats, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Monday that the country "does not seek war... but will not yield to foreign pressure."

He further criticized US president's claim of willingness to hold talks with Iran while simultaneously restoring his "maximum pressure" policy.

Rejecting Trump's offer of negotiations for a deal, Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said that talks with the US was "not smart, wise or honorable," under threats.

"It will not solve any of our problems. The reason? Experience!" Ayatollah Khamenei said on Friday.

He was referring to the US' withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear agreement and its subsequent reimposition of sanctions against Tehran, which left the future of the deal in limbo.

## Iranian military chief urges regional unity to confront Israel

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Iran's Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri said on Tuesday that "the only way" to confront Israel is unity among regional countries.

Baqeri made the remarks in a meeting with his visiting Omani counterpart Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Raisi in Tehran, IRNA reported.

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed the situation in the region, especially Israel's atrocities against Palestinian people in Gaza and strongly condemned the US-Israeli plan to relocate Palestinians from the Gaza Strip.

US President Donald Trump floated the idea of relocating Palestinians last month, saying he would urge the leaders of Jordan and Egypt



Iran's Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri (R) and visiting Omani counterpart Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Raisi give a military salute at the headquarters of the General Staff of the Armed Forces in Tehran on February 11, 2025.

to take in Gaza's now largely homeless population, so that "we just clean out that whole thing." He added that resettling most of Gaza's population of 2.3 million could be temporary or long term.

Trump's plan drew condem-

nations from many countries, especially the region's Arab states.

Baqeri said that ties between Iran and Oman are strong and stable, but given recent developments in the region, the relations need to be expanded more

than ever.

He also underlined that development of maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz and the Sea of Oman is necessary to combat smuggling and ensure maritime security. Iran and Oman share a maritime border along the Gulf of Oman.

Baqeri invited Oman to participate in the Maritime Security Belt naval drill hosted by Iran.

Back in October 2024, Iran and Oman held a joint maritime rescue and relief exercise involving the naval forces of both countries in the Indian Ocean and the Strait of Hormuz.

The Omani official, for his part, said that good coordination has been formed to expand the interaction between the two sides in the fields of naval exercises and maritime security police.

Al Raisi underlined that nations of the region are the main owners of this region but some trans-regional countries are seeking to sow discord among regional countries.

## Hamas: Trump warning 'further complicates' Gaza truce



Women and children walk along a destroyed road past collapsed buildings in the west of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip on February 11, 2025.

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A senior Hamas leader said Tuesday that US President Donald Trump's warning for the group to immediately release all Israeli hostages "further complicates matters" relating to the fragile Gaza truce.

"Trump must remember that there is an agreement that must be respected by both parties and this is the only way to return the prisoners (hostages)," Sami Abu Zuhri told AFP.

"The language of threats has no value and further complicates matters," he added.

The cease-fire, in place since January 19, largely halted more than 15 months of fighting in Gaza and saw five groups of Israeli hostages freed in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails.

But tensions spiked last month after Trump proposed taking over Gaza and removing its more than two million inhabitants.

He further ramped up pressure on Monday, saying he would call for an end to the cease-fire if all Israeli hostages were not freed by noon on Saturday.

"As far as I'm concerned, if all of the hostages aren't returned by Saturday

12 o'clock - I think it's an appropriate time - I would say cancel it and all bets are off and let hell break out," Trump told reporters at the White House.

Under the deal, which came into effect on January 19, 17 more hostages should be released before the end of the first 42-day phase of the truce.

Trump's latest warning came after Hamas said the next hostage release would be "postponed until further notice," accusing Israel of failing to meet its commitments under the truce agreement, including on aid deliveries.

"The release of the prisoners (Israeli hostages), which was scheduled for next Saturday, February 15, 2025, will be postponed until further notice, pending the occupation's compliance and retroactive fulfilment of the past weeks' obligations," Abu Ubaida, spokesman for the Ezzedine al-Qasam Brigades, said in a statement.

The Israeli military said on Monday it would "significantly reinforce" areas around the Gaza Strip after Hamas announced its intention to postpone the release of Israeli hostages, part of a truce agreement for the territory.

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