

# IAEA report of Iran's non-compliance 'big lie': Nuclear chief

## Tehran says flouting E3 'in no position' to make threats

### International Desk

Iran's nuclear chief has dismissed as "a big lie" the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s recent report on the country's nuclear program, stressing that presenting "false" reports will only tarnish the credibility of the agency. A recent report by IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi on Iran's nuclear program claimed that Tehran had failed to report its nuclear activities at three undeclared locations and raised concerns about the country's stockpile of uranium enriched up to 60 percent purity. "The claim that the Islamic Republic of Iran has not fulfilled its commitments under the Safeguards Agreement is a big lie," Mohammad Eslami, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), said on Wednesday. "There is no evidence in this regard. There is not a single report from the IAEA inspectors that indicates Iran's opposition or obstruction in carrying out their duties," Eslami said. The Iranian nuclear chief further censured the provocative move by the United States and European trio of the United Kingdom, France, and Germany (E3) to draft a resolution against Iran at the IAEA Board of Governors, warning that if a confrontational approach is adopted, the Islamic Republic will also

take countermeasures.

He further emphasized that during 2023 and 2024, more than 427 inspections of Iranian facilities were conducted, which is "unprecedented" in the history of nuclear activities worldwide. The Iranian official also noted that the IAEA's cameras are installed at all the country's nuclear facilities, stressing that no activity is carried out without the agency's supervision and inspection.

### E3 in blatant violation of Resolution 2231, JCPOA: Najafi

Iran's permanent representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna, stressed that since the three European states are in blatant violation of Resolution 2231 and the JCPOA, they are neither legally nor morally entitled to trigger the JCPOA and Resolution 2231 dispute resolution mechanism. Responding to the threat of snapback by the E3, Reza Najafi laid out Iran's stance on Wednesday during the IAEA Board of Governors meeting regarding the agency's report on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2231. As Najafi noted, by imposing sanctions and restrictive measures against Iran, the European troika are severely un-



Reza Najafi (front) and Chief State Inspector for Nuclear Radiation Safety of Ukraine Oleh Korikov get ready for the IAEA's Board of Governors meeting at the agency's quarters in Vienna, Austria, on June 9, 2025.

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dermining the JCPOA and UNSC Resolution 2231.

He specifically termed their decision to refrain from implementing the sanction relief commitments specified in the JCPOA on the transition day in October 2023 as an illegal act and a clear example of their significant non-compliance.

Najafi also pointed out that the Islamic Republic of Iran, as a committed NPT member and based on the longstanding fatwa (religious decree) issued by the Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution, "will not pursue nuclear weapons."

In its statement issued later at the meeting, the EU urged Iran "to resume the provisional implementation and bring into force the Additional Protocol to its Safeguards Agreement, to assist the Agency to provide credible assurances on the absence of undeclared nuclear activities".

The Iranian envoy once again stressed that Iran's nuclear activities, including enrichment and stockpiling at various



levels, are "entirely peaceful and in line with its legitimate rights under the NPT, and are subject to IAEA safeguards and verification."

Najafi, while expressing serious concerns about the content of the IAEA director general's recent report, stressed that the issues raised in the report did not happen in a vacuum and should not

be interpreted separately from the root causes surrounding the current situation regarding UNSC Resolution 2231 and the JCPOA.

"I wish to emphasize that Iran believes a diplomatic deal is achievable if Iran's legitimate rights, including domestic enrichment, are respected and recognized."

## Araghchi: US deal 'within reach' if sanctions lifted, enrichment allowed US mission outlines trust-building measures



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The Iranian foreign minister underlined that an agreement with the United States is "within reach" once the Islamic Republic's right to uranium enrichment is ensured and unilateral sanctions against the country are terminated.

Abbas Araghchi made the statement in a post on his X account on Wednesday, as Iran and the United States are scheduled to hold the 6th round of their indirect talks on Tehran's peaceful nuclear program in the Omani capital of Muscat on Sunday, June 15. The negotiations have oftentimes gone through slings and arrows de-



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (R) holds a meeting with his Omani counterpart, Badr Al-Busaidi, on the sidelines of the 22nd Oslo World Forum on June 11, 2025.

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spite the two sides' expression of satisfaction with the process of the talks as the administration of US President Donald Trump has been throwing a spanner in the works via its excessive demands, including the reduction of Iran's uranium enrichment level to zero, and fueling baseless concerns over Iran pursuing a nuclear weapon. "President Trump entered office saying that Iran should not have nuclear weapons. That is actually in line with our own doctrine and could become the main foundation for a deal," Araghchi said.

"As we resume talks on Sunday, it is clear that an agreement that can ensure the continued peaceful nature

of Iran's nuclear program is within reach — and could be achieved rapidly."

The Iranian foreign minister, however, underlined, "That mutually beneficial outcome relies on the continuation of Iran's enrichment program, under the full supervision of the IAEA, and the effective termination of sanctions."

Meanwhile, the US Mission Vienna's chargé d'Affaires also outlined a path to agreement in Iran-US talks.

"Iran now has a clear opportunity to build confidence: by providing the Agency with greater transparency, not less; by implementing the Additional Protocol, not limiting inspections; by ending its production of highly enriched uranium, not accelerating it; by accepting the designation of Agency inspectors, not undermining the Agency's verification," Howard Solomon said.

However, in another instance of

mixed signals coming from the Trump administration, the US president himself expressed doubt that Iran will agree to halt uranium enrichment as part of a nuclear deal with the US.

In an interview on the "Pod Force One" podcast, released on Wednesday, the US president admitted his confidence was waning when asked if he believed he could convince Iran to shut down its nuclear program.

"I don't know," he said, "I did think so, and I'm getting more and more — less confident about it."

Since April 12, Iran and the United States have held five rounds of indirect talks, mediated by Oman, on a replacement for the 2015 nuclear deal, which was derailed by the American withdrawal in 2018.

Over the past decade, Iran has on numerous occasions proved the peaceful nature of its nuclear program, as evidenced in more than a dozen reports by the IAEA.

## Iran vows to strike entire US bases in region if attacked

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Iran's Defense Minister General Aziz Nasirzadeh warned that all US military bases in the West Asian region would be targeted if Washington initiates hostilities against Iran. Issued during a press briefing following a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, the blunt warning specifically referenced US installations in Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, and the UAE — where the Pentagon maintains about 45,000 troops across dozens of bases.

The minister emphasized Iran's growing military capabilities, citing last week's successful test of a ballistic missile carrying a two-ton warhead.

The top US general overseeing American forces in West Asia said on Tuesday there were a range of options when asked if the military was prepared to respond with force if talks with Iran fail.

"I have provided the secretary of defense and the president with a wide range of options," US Army General Michael "Erik" Kurilla, the head of US Central Command (CENTCOM), told a congressional hearing.



"Every so often it is said that if negotiations fail, it will lead to a conflict. On behalf of the Iranian nation, I declare that in case a conflict is imposed upon us, we will strike our designated targets, the enemy will suffer disproportionate losses, and America must leave the region," Nasirzadeh said.

The minister also stressed that Iran's defense capabilities are non-negotiable.

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