

# Iran not deserting path of nuclear talks despite distrust: *Gov't spox*

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Iran's government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani said on Tuesday that despite a lack of trust in the nuclear talks with the United States, the Islamic Republic is not walking away from the path of negotiations. Mohajerani said that the negotiations had been ongoing since the previous government and were not halted, but contradictory statements by the US officials caused problems, and in the middle of the talks, they attacked Iran – an issue that created mistrust toward negotiations in Iran. "Over the past two decades, we have demonstrated this (Iran's commitment to negotiations) as well.

Iran is committed to negotiation and diplomacy. Our diplomacy with neighboring countries and regional states proves this", Mohajerani said. Mohajerani, citing the Iranian foreign minister, said no date has been set for the resumption of talks, and may not be held very soon. "In order for us to decide to reengage, we will have to first ensure that America will not revert back to targeting us in a military attack during the negotiations and I think with all these considerations, we still need more time." Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told CBS News. In April, Iran and the US began new negotiations to resolve a

decades-old dispute over Iran's nuclear program. They held five rounds of the talks mediated by Oman. But the six round of the negotiations, which had been scheduled for June 15, was canceled after Israel launched an unprovoked aggression against Iran. The US joined the aggression by striking key Iran's nuclear facilities on June 22. Following the attacks by Israel, Iran's Foreign Ministry said further nuclear talks with the US are now "meaningless". "The other side has done something that makes dialogue meaningless," the ministry's spokesman Esmail Baqaei said. On Monday, foreign ministers from the Group of Seven nations said they supported the



Iranian government's spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani speaks during her weekly press conference in Tehran on July 1, 2025.  
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cease-fire between Israel and Iran and urged for negotiations to resume for a nuclear deal, according to a joint statement. "We call for the resumption of negotiations, resulting in a comprehensive, verifiable and durable agreement that addresses Iran's nuclear program," the G7 foreign ministers said. The G7 foreign ministers said they urged "all parties to avoid actions that could further destabilize the region."



## Iran FM says nuclear program symbolizing national pride, glory

'Tehran will seriously pursue its right to secure compensation'



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Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the country's nuclear program has turned into a matter of national pride and glory, stressing that Iranian people will not easily back down from uranium enrichment. "We have also gone through 12 days of imposed war, therefore, people will not easily back down from enrichment," the Iranian foreign minister said during an interview with American media outlet CBS News. He was referring to a 12-day aggression by Israel and the US against Iran, which began on June 13 on the pretext of Iran's enrichment of uranium. The aggression against Iran claimed the lives of 935

people including civilians, nuclear scientists and military personnel. Days after the beginning of Israel's aggression against Iran, the US also launched strikes on three nuclear facilities of Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan on June 22. US President Donald Trump claimed that the facilities were "completely and totally obliterated." US General Dan Caine, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said during a news conference, "Initial battle damage assessments indicate that all three sites sustained extremely severe damage and destruction." Rafael Mariano Grossi, the head of the United Nations' nuclear watchdog agency, told CBS News that the US strikes caused "severe damage, but it's not total

damage." Grossi said Iran could likely start enriching uranium again within a few months. "One cannot obliterate the technology and science for enrichment through bombings," Araghchi said. "If there is this will on our part, and the will exists in order to once again make progress in this industry, we will be able to expeditiously repair the damages and make up for the lost time." Trump recently indicated diplomatic talks with Iran could restart as soon as this week, although the White House noted no talks were officially scheduled. However, Iran's foreign minister seemed less certain about a speedy return to diplomacy. "I don't think negotiations will restart as quickly as that," Araghchi said through a translator. "In order for us to decide to reengage, we will have to first ensure that America will not revert back to targeting us in a military attack during the negotiations and I think with all these considerations, we still need more time," Araghchi added. However, Araghchi also insisted, "The doors of diplomacy will never slam shut." The US president has also indicated he could order

strikes on Iran again should it resume enriching uranium beyond a certain level. Araghchi questioned the legality of such action and said Iran was prepared for more attacks. "We showed and proved during this 12-day imposed war that we have the ability to defend ourselves, and we will continue to do so should any aggression be launched against us," he said. In response to attacks by Israel and the US, Iran launched missile attacks on Israel and the largest US military base in the Middle East, which is in Qatar. In a phone call with his Armenian counterpart Ararat Mirzoyan on Tuesday, the Iranian foreign minister also said that Tehran will vigorously pursue its right to identify the aggressor and secure compensation through international organizations. He stressed the international community's and the United Nations' obligation to hold the US and Israel accountable for their aggression against Iran's national sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as their blatant violation of all principles and norms of international law.



## Tehran summons Ukraine's envoy over pro-Israel 'unjustifiable' comments

The Iranian Foreign Ministry summoned the Ukrainian charge d'affaires to convey Tehran's strong protest to "unjustifiable" comments by the country's officials in support of the US-Israeli aggression against the Islamic Republic. The envoy was summoned on Monday by Shahram Farsaei, head of the First Eurasian Department at Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press TV reported. "By supporting the Zionist regime's military aggression, Ukrainian officials have in fact ignored Ukraine's international legal obligations regarding respect for the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter and the four Geneva Conventions," Farsaei said. He added that the officials in Kiev "endorsed the heinous crimes committed by the apartheid Israeli regime and this issue leads to international responsibility for the Ukrainian government." The Ukrainian chargé d'affaires was also warned about the consequences of his respective country's repeated "hostile and provocative" remarks against Iran.

Israel launched an unprovoked war of aggression against Iran on June 13, assassinating senior military commanders and top nuclear scientists in targeted strikes before attacking nuclear and military sites and residential areas. The Iranian Armed Forces responded with missile strikes as part of Operation True Promise III, which targeted many strategic sites across the Israeli-occupied territories. On June 22, the United States joined the Israeli regime in the assault and bombed three Iranian nuclear sites in a grave violation of the United Nations Charter, international law, and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). A day later, Iran launched a wave of missiles at al-Udeid air base in Qatar—the largest American military base in West Asia—in retaliation for the aggression. As the Iranian Armed Forces pounded Israel and its military and industrial infrastructure, using many new-generation missiles that precisely hit the designated targets, the embattled regime was forced to unilaterally declare a truce deal on June 24.

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## Russia: Israel-US aggression against Iran 'will not go unpunished'

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Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov condemned Israel and the United States for their military aggression against Iran, saying that "it will not go unpunished." Sergey Ryabkov made the remarks during a visit to Iran's Embassy in Moscow where he signed a book of condolences for those killed in the Israeli regime's 12-day aggression against Iran. "We witnessed an aggressive and barbaric act that led to the deaths of



Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov signs a book of condolences for Iranians killed in Israel's aggression against the Islamic Republic in Iran's embassy in Moscow on July 1, 2025.  
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the sons and daughters of the Iranian nation—including commanders, officials, scientists, and civilians who were posing no threat to anyone and harming no one," he said. "We are certain that this military aggression, under the framework of international law, the United Na-



tions, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, is deemed unacceptable."

