

Araghchi reaffirms Israel's aggression torpedoed diplomacy



Abbas Araghchi

International Desk

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the Israeli regime sabotaged progress made in negotiations between Iran and the United States on Tehran's peaceful nuclear program, stressing that "Israel prefers conflict over resolution."

The top Iranian diplomat made the remarks in an article published by the Financial Times.

"In only five meetings over nine weeks, US special envoy Steve Witkoff and I achieved more than I did in four years of nuclear negotiations with the failed Biden administration. We were on the cusp of a historic breakthrough. To address US concerns that Iran may one day divert its peaceful nuclear program, we held detailed, frank discussions — including on the future of Iranian uranium enrichment. There were several ideas for a win-win solu-

tion, put forward by both sides, and by Oman," he said.

"Equally important, we also focused on the termination of sanctions and US involvement in wider economic co-operation that constituted a trillion-dollar opportunity. Iran was open to mutually beneficial collaboration that would electrify the Iranian economy and address US President Donald Trump's priority to revive dying American industries, such as the nuclear energy sector." But only 48 hours before a pivotal sixth meeting, which was canceled after Israel's aggression on Iran on June 13, Israel launched an unprovoked assault on Iran, Araghchi said.

"As Iran-US dialogue was finally gaining momentum, the reckless bombardment sent an unambiguous message: Israel prefers conflict over resolution," Iran's top diplomat said.

Araghchi said Iran has in recent

days received messages indicating that the US may be ready to return to negotiations.

"Iran signed a comprehensive nuclear deal with six countries in 2015, including the US, which Washington unilaterally abrogated three years later. And after agreeing to new negotiations in good faith, we have seen our good will reciprocated with an attack by two nuclear-armed militaries." The Iranian foreign minister said that Iran is interested in diplomacy but, "We have good reason to have doubts about further dialogue."

"The path towards peace requires a recognition in the US that respectful dialogue, and not reckless coercion, is the only sustainable way forward. The choice is America's. Will the US finally choose diplomacy? Or will it remain ensnared in someone else's war?" the Iranian foreign minister said.

Iranian Armed Forces stood up to Israel-US bullying with 'full might': *Top general*



Abdolrahim Mousavi

Iran's top military commander said that the country's Armed Forces confronted the Israeli and American aggression with the full range of their capabilities and military prowess during last month's aggression.

Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, chief of staff of the Armed Forces, made the remarks during a telephone conversation with Qatar's Defense Minister Khalid bin Mohammad Al Attiyah on Tuesday, Press TV reported.

"Iran's Armed Forces stood up to bullying using all of their capabilities, and responded to the aggressors with the entirety of their might," the commander noted.

On June 13, the Israeli regime began a series of airstrikes against the Islamic Republic with unprecedented

American military and intelligence support.

Iran's Armed Forces began responding initially with comprehensive defensive maneuvers.

Shortly afterwards, however, they launched rapid, forceful, and unyielding counteroffensives, unleashing precision strikes against critical nuclear, military, and industrial targets deep within the occupied Palestinian territories.

The relentless reprisal, codenamed Operation True Promise III, deployed hundreds of ballistic missiles — many of which were multi-warhead and supersonic ones — as well as numerous armed drones.

The strikes pummeled the heart of Tel Aviv, the regime's economic stronghold; Haifa, its key deep-water

port; and Be'er Sheva, the hub of the entity's modern development and technology.

Feeling the heat from the retaliation, the regime was forced to seek a cease-fire after 12 days, despite having some of the US's most advanced missile systems primed to intercept the incoming Iranian fire.

The commander's remarks also concerned a ballistic missile strike that was carried out by the Iranian forces against Al-Udeid — the US's most important regional airbase that is located in Qatar — in response to American attacks against Iranian nuclear sites that took place towards the end of the Israeli war.

Mousavi noted how the United States did not begrudge the regime any assistance throughout the warfare, providing it with no-holds-barred support, including logistical backing. He, however, highlighted that the world's Muslim nations and governments as well as free-thinking people, nevertheless, voiced decisive support for the Islamic Republic in the course of the aggression.

He, meanwhile, hailed Qatar as a "friendly state" and lauded its decisive condemnation of the Israeli aggression, expressing gratitude over the "valuable" position adopted by Doha throughout the military assault.

Iran's death toll from Israeli war rises to 1,100



National Desk

Death toll from Israel's unprovoked aggression against Iran last month rose to 1,100, according to the head of Iran's Foundation of Martyrs and Veterans Affairs.

Saeed Ohadi said in an interview with the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) on Monday that, "Regarding the martyrs, as of tonight, we have buried 1,060 loved ones across the country."

Ohadi said that the 12-day Israeli strikes across the country have claimed the lives of 1,100 people. The country's Health Ministry had earlier announced the death of 935 people in the regime's attacks which began on June 13.

He said that the death toll from the Israeli aggression includes 126 women and 41 children, which claimed the lives of civilians, nuclear scientists and the country's top military commanders.

The US also joined the aggression by targeting the three Iranian nuclear facilities of Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan.

A cease-fire proposed by the US put an end to the conflict on June 24 after Iran launched barrages of missiles at Israel's targets in the occupied territories and at the largest US military base in the Middle East in Qatar.

According to a survey conducted by Iran's Parliament, 80 percent of Iranians believe that Iran's missile attacks have dealt a very significant blow to the Israel regime.

Head of the Islamic Parliament Research Center Babak Negahdari said that the survey shows that 61% of people consider Iran's military strength superior, while 20% view Iran and Israel's military capabilities as roughly equal.

He added that around 60% of people also believe Iran has gained a stronger position in the Middle East following the conflict.

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Anti-Iran television network targeted by cyberattack

International Desk

A hacker group named Hanzala said on Tuesday that it had carried out a cyberattack against Iran International, a Persian-language seditionary television operating outside Iran, releasing some materials including its employees' personal information. The group said that Iran International's Telegram account has been "completely hacked and taken over."

However, the US-based TV network said in a statement the attacks were carried out by a group known as Banished Kitten (also referred to as Storm-0842 and Dune).

It said that the materials published by

the hacking group were taken from the Telegram accounts of its employees in two separate cyberattacks in the summer of 2024 and January 2025.

According to a report by IRIB News Agency, all systems, servers, and communication infrastructure of Iran International have been disabled and its internal data has been extracted following the cyberattack.

"Confidential correspondence, employees' personal information, financial records, and communications with foreign entities" have been "fully hacked," the report said.

Hanzala also leaked personal audio files and images of one of the Iran In-



ternational journalists, accusing him of "working with" Israel's Mossad spy agency.

The hacking group said that it has also acquired information of over 71,000 individuals who had previously sent content or information to Iran International.

