

Reparations reaction bespeaks US incognizance of int'l law: *FM spox*

Iran's Foreign Ministry on Monday said describing as "ridiculous" Tehran's compensation request for recent US strikes on its nuclear sites shows American officials' lack of information about international law.

The ministry's spokesman Ismaeil Baqaei in his weekly press conference said that any act contrary to international law is considered a "violation," and the "infringing" country bears international responsibility.

The US State Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson Tommy Pigott on Thursday called any demands for financial compensation by Iran "ridiculous".

The comments came after Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told the Financial Times that Washington must accept responsibility for the attacks and provide financial redress before nuclear negotiations could resume.

On June 22, the US bombarded Iran's Fordow, Isfahan and Natanz nuclear sites, inflicting serious damage. The US joined an aggression launched by Israel that



had derailed Tehran-Washington nuclear talks.

"What is absurd and ridiculous, unfortunately, can be seen in the official policies of the United States", Baqaei said.

"They themselves break the law, and at the same time, not only support the illegal actions of their closest ally in the region (Is-

rael), but also try to justify them (Israel's illegal actions), including in Gaza".

Baqaei advised the US officials to take a look at the rulings of international courts, particularly regarding cases they once dismissed as "ridiculous actions." For example, the International Court of Justice's case on US in-

tervention in Nicaragua or the case on Iran's oil platforms. In both instances, the United States was found in violation of international law, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

"In any potential negotiation... the issue of holding the United States accountable and demanding compensation for committing military aggression against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities will be one of the topics on the agenda," Baqaei said.

Following the US-Israel aggression, Tehran suspended its cooperation with the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, accusing the agency of siding with Western countries and providing a justification for Israel's air strikes.

However, the foreign ministry spokesman said that the IAEA's deputy chief is expected in Iran "in less than 10 days".

Last month, Iran said future cooperation with the UN agency would take on a "new form".

Baqaei said the upcoming visit by IAEA officials aims to discuss Tehran's future relations with the agency.

Iran's top security body approves formation of Defense Council



Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC), the country's top security body, on Sunday approved the establishment of a Defense Council as part of major structural changes to the nation's strategic defense policies.

The SNSC said that the decision was made in line with Article 176 of the Constitution, which outlines national security responsibilities. The newly formed council will be responsible for developing defense strategies and enhancing the capabilities of the Armed Forces. The Iranian president will head the council, which also includes the heads of the three branches of government, senior military commanders, and designated ministers relevant to defense affairs.

Iran had a similar council during the 1980s Iraq's imposed war that left nearly 1 million casualties on both sides. The council's formation comes after the Israeli regime on June 13 launched a war of aggression against Iran, assassinating senior military commanders and nuclear scientists in targeted strikes and killing hundreds of civilians.

On June 22, the United States escalated the war by bombing three civilian nuclear facilities in Iran.

In response, the Iranian Armed Forces carried out retaliatory strikes on strategic Israeli positions across the occupied territories and targeted the al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the largest American military installation in West Asia.

Through its successful retaliatory operations, Iran managed to impose a halt to the aggression on June 24.

Hundreds of ex-Israeli officials beg Trump to help end Gaza war



People carry the body of a person who was killed while seeking food at a distribution point on Salah al-Din Road in the central Gaza Strip on August 4, 2025.
● AFP

About 600 former Israeli security officials, including previous heads of the Mossad and the military, have urged Donald Trump to pressure Israel to end the war in Gaza as the regime's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, considers expanding the conflict.

In an open letter, the former officials said an end to the war was the only way to save hostages still held by Hamas.

"Your credibility with the vast majority of Israelis augments your ability to steer prime minister Netanyahu and his government in the right direction: end the war, return the hostages, stop the suffering," they wrote.

The letter comes as pressure mounts for the Israeli cabinet to end the war, even as Netanyahu considers intensifying the offensive. Thousands of protesters took to the streets in Israel over the weekend after two videos were released of emaciated hostages held in Gaza.

One video in particular, which depicted a skeletal Eviatar David digging what he said could be his own grave, prompted a wave of outrage across Israel.

On Sunday night, the Hostages and Missing Families Forum headquarters released a statement that accused Netanyahu of "leading Israel and the kidnapped to doom".

The prime minister is considering expanding the war in Gaza despite the growing calls for a cease-fire. According to Israeli media, Netanyahu wants to try "pushing for the release of the hostages through decisive military victory".

The prime minister is expected to hold a meeting on Tuesday to decide on the

best path forward in Gaza, with expanded military operations on the table. Intensifying military activity in the Palestinian territory would placate the far-right ministers in Netanyahu's governing coalition, who have consistently advocated against a cease-fire.

An expansion of the war would be contrary to what Trump's Middle East envoy told the families of hostages over the weekend was the US position. Steve Witkoff said Washington was backing a comprehensive end to the Gaza war that would bring hostages home and assured the families that would not mean more fighting.

Any expansion of the conflict would risk worsening the already catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza. A UN-affiliated humanitarian body said the territory was experiencing famine, as the approximate 2.1 million people who live there, experience mass starvation.

Despite the announcement of expanded aid measures in Gaza, humanitarian groups say Israel is still not letting nearly enough aid into the territory.

At least 40 Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire and airstrikes in Gaza on Monday, in addition to five people who died of starvation, health authorities said. At least 10 of those who were killed were shot as they queued for aid outside distribution centers run by the private US Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF).

Almost 61,000 people have been killed in Gaza since the war began. Israel launched the war in response to an attack on Israel on October 7 2023 in which Hamas fighters killed about 1,200 people and took 251 hostages.

The former Israeli security officials also warned against an expansion of the war, arguing that Israel had long since achieved its military objectives in Gaza.



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AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES COMPANY



The Agricultural Support Services Company, hereinafter will be referred as ASSC, affiliated to Ministry of Agriculture-Jihad of I.R of Iran, is considering the purchase of the below 7 items of pesticides technical material, through one step international tender.

	Name	PACKING	Quantity/kg
1	Fipronil Technical min 95% based on dry technical form	25 or 50 kg waterproof cardboard drum	2,200
2	Cartap Technical min 98%	50 kg waterproof cardboard drum	40,000
3	Propargite Technical min 90%	200 kg drum	96,000
4	Deltamethrin Technical min 98.5 %	50 kg drum	3,700
5	Permethrin Technical min 95%	200 kg drum	10,500
6	Cypermethrin Technical min 90%	50 kg drum	59,000
7	Glyphosate Isopropylamine Salt Technical 62%	200 kg drum	78,000

All of the qualified and interested companies are invited to receive tender documents from **Tuesday** dated **5/8/2025** until **Wednesday** dated **13/8/2025** (7 working days) from our purchasing committee (located at the 9th floor, no. 1, fourth alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

The bidders are requested to submit their letters of introduction, along with remittance bill of IRI. Rials 1,200,000 to ASSC's account no. 4001039704005791 with SHEBA no. IR250100004001039704005791 at the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran through payment order of SATNA or PAYA with the 30-character identification code of 33903978226350065000000000000008.

The bidders are requested to submit their sealed and stamped envelopes containing offers latest on **Saturday** dated **13/9/2025** (to the end of official working hours) to our security office located on the 8th floor. Meanwhile the meeting for the opening of the envelopes will be held on **Sunday** dated **14/9/2025** at **14:00** with the presence of bidder's representatives at our purchasing committee (9th floor, no. 1, Fourth Alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

We would like to emphasize that the value of the bid bond amount must be only submitted by the bidders in bank guarantee as follows:

- 1- € 6652/8 for Fipronil Technical min 95% equivalent to Iranian Rials 5,424,626,592.
- 2- € 32568/47 for Cartap Technical min 98% equivalent to Iranian Rials 26,556,001,920.
- 3- € 39218 for Propargite Technical min 90% equivalent to Iranian Rials 31,977,886,464.
- 4- € 8880 for Deltamethrin Technical min 98.5% equivalent to Iranian Rials 7,240,663,200.
- 5- € 5103 for Permethrin Technical min 95% equivalent to Iranian Rials 4,160,935,170.
- 6- € 31196/56 for Cypermethrin Technical min 90% equivalent to Iranian Rials 25,437,363,840.
- 7- € 8638/72 for Glyphosate Isopropylamine Salt Technical 62% equivalent to Iranian Rials 7,043,924,160.

- The bid bond value should be in Euro or in equal value of any other foreign currencies, except US dollars, based on the exchange rate of Telegraphic Transfer on CBI's ETS website, www.fxmarketrate.cbi.ir, on **22/7/2025**.

- The bidders are also permitted to submit the bid bond in Iranian Rial.

- After approval of ASSC's Financial Manager, the bidders are permitted to use their previous and definite outstanding claims as the bid bond.

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