

‘Unfathomable response’:

Top military brass warns of payback to anti-Iran threats

National Desk

Iran's top military commanders on Monday warned the country's enemies of a "crushing and regrettable response beyond imagination" to any threat. Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, said that the country's Armed Forces are ready to confront any threats with a timely, decisive response beyond imagination. In a message to commemorate the Sacred Defense Week, which marks the anniversary of an eight-year imposed war on Iran by Iraq's Ba'ath regime in the 1980s. "We assure the noble and heroic Iranian nation that the Armed Forces are prepared to give a timely, decisive, regret-inducing, and unfathomable response to any threats by global bullying [powers] and oppressors through relying on [own devised] strategic surprises," Mousavi said. In the face of threats, Iran will

not remain passive and will turn every threat into an opportunity to display its power in the regional and international scene, he added. Pointing to Israel-US acts of aggression against Iran in June, he emphasized that the enemy failed to achieve its objectives during the 12-day war, thanks to the Islamic Republic's military and defensive power and its regional capabilities, as well as the strong and proportional response of the Armed Forces. In mid-June, Israel unleashed war on Iran, assassinating high-ranking military commanders, scientists, and civilians. Iran responded decisively by launching waves of ballistic and hypersonic missiles at sensitive Israeli targets in Tel Aviv, Haifa, and other occupied cities. Once the United States joined the Israeli aggression by striking Iran's nuclear facilities, the American air base of Al Udeid in Qatar was targeted by the Iranian Armed Forces. The White House then pro-



Iranian Army's chief Major General Amir Hatami (R) talks with Chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps Major General Mohammad Pakpour in a meeting in Tehran on September 22, 2025.
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posed a cease-fire, which Israel accepted.

Iran 'will not compromise' on national interests

Meanwhile, Iranian Army's chief Major General Amir Hatami and Chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Major General Mohammad Pakpour in a meeting on the occasion of the Sacred Defense Week vowed that any act of aggression will be met with "a unified, swift, intelligent, and powerful response." Hatami highlighted the critical strategic alliance between the Army and the IRGC, describing their unity as "the solid pillar of national security" and "an iron shield" against conspiracies. He also pointed to the recent "12-day imposed war" as proof



that Iran "will not compromise on our national interests," vowing that the armed forces would "continue the path of the martyrs with authority." Addressing the enemies of the Iranian nation, Hatami declared

that any further miscalculation would bring a "firm and regretful response." Major General Pakpour, for his part, stated that the events of the recent US-Israeli aggression strongly recalled the national

unity and revolutionary spirit seen at the outset of the Iran-Iraq War, emphasizing that the same "exemplary cohesion" witnessed during the eight-year Sacred Defense was again evident throughout the country.

Japan urges Iran to resume cooperation with IAEA

Grossi: Iran nuclear diplomacy at 'difficult juncture'



International Desk

Japan on Monday expressed concern about suspension of cooperation between Iran and the UN atomic agency, calling on Iran to immediately resume the cooperation. "We attach great importance to the

(International Atomic Energy Agency) IAEA's efforts to verify Iranian nuclear activities," Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi told a press conference. Japan is concerned about the situation, he said. His comments came after Iran's

top security body in a statement on Saturday said the hostile move by Britain, France and Germany to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran will "effectively suspend" Tehran's cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog.

Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) condemned the "ill-considered" measures by the three European countries — known as the E3 — regarding the Islamic Republic's peaceful nuclear program.

"Despite the foreign ministry's cooperation with the (International Atomic Energy) Agency and the presentation of plans to resolve the issue, the actions of European countries will effectively suspend the path of cooperation with the agency," the SNSC said.

The head of the UN's nuclear watchdog, Rafael Grossi, told AFP Monday that diplomatic efforts to resolve the

dispute over Iran's nuclear program were at a "difficult juncture."

"It's obviously quite a difficult juncture. It's a very difficult situation we are facing right now," the International Atomic Energy Agency chief said, adding that talks between involved parties were planned in New York for Monday.

On Friday, the 15-member Security Council failed to adopt a resolution that would have prevented the reimposition of UN sanctions on Iran after the E3 triggered the "snapback" mechanism, accusing Tehran of failing to comply with the 2015 deal, formally called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

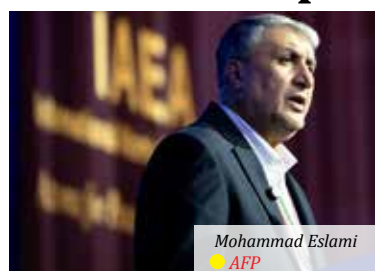
A spokesperson for the European Union told IRNA on Monday that the three European countries' votes against a UN Security Council resolution aimed at halting the reimposition of sanctions on Iran do not mean the end of diplomacy.

"The submission of this draft was part of the formal process outlined in Resolution 2231 following the activation of the snapback mechanism, and all European members of the Security Council voted against it," the European official told IRNA on condition of anonymity.

"This is not the end of the ongoing diplomatic efforts. EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, as the coordinator of the JCPOA, has once again emphasized the importance of utilizing the 30-day opportunity following the activation of the snapback mechanism for diplomacy, urging all relevant parties to make the necessary efforts in this regard."

Referring to the United Nations General Assembly annual meeting in New York, the European official noted that this week will provide a good opportunity to advance diplomatic efforts on the Iranian nuclear issue.

Nuclear chief: Tehran, Moscow to ink new nuclear plant construction deal



Mohammad Eslami
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International Desk

The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said on Monday that Tehran and Moscow will sign agreements on the construction of new nuclear power plants in Iran in the coming days. Mohammad Eslami, who arrived in Russia to participate in the events of the World Atomic Week in Moscow, told IRNA that the contract between the two

countries envisages the construction of eight nuclear power plants by Russia, four of which are in the southern city of Bushehr, the home to the nuclear power plant.

The Iranian nuclear chief noted that the negotiations and necessary studies for the implementation of the second part of the contract have been conducted and the location for the construction of the power plants has been specified, prepared, and equipped. After the agreement is concluded by the end of the week, the operational phase for design, engineering, and further actions will automatically begin, Eslami added.

Iran-IAEA cooperation

In response to a question about the prospect of cooperation between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Eslami said Tehran has always

emphasized that the E3 group of Britain, France and Germany should not further damage the reputation of the United Nations and international organizations. The European troika should allow world bodies to fulfill their duties in a just and professional manner within the framework of regulations, he added.

He warned that as long as these countries continue their behavior, peace will not be established in the world since their performance runs counter to laws and regulations. He said the UN nuclear agency's refusal to condemn the US-Israeli attacks in June on three Iranian nuclear facilities, which were under the IAEA inspection, indicates that a "destructive influence runs deep in the Agency." Eslami reiterated Iran's compliance with the IAEA's Safeguards agreement and said the country would continue its peaceful nuclear activities.



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