

# US excessive demands barred resolution of nuclear issue: *FM*

## International Desk

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Monday that Iran, the US and European powers failed to reach a compromise on Iran's nuclear issue in New York due to Washington's excessive demands.

Speaking to reporters before leaving New York for Tehran, Araghchi characterized the approach of the Western parties to the 2015 nuclear deal as an attempt to extract "unreasonable and unachievable concessions" from the Islamic Republic.

He said Iran had presented its own "completely reasonable" proposals, which, he added, European parties had also acknowledged were fair.

On September 19, the 15-member Security Council failed to adopt a resolution that would have prevented the re-imposition of UN sanctions on Iran after the E3 triggered the "snapback" mechanism and accused Tehran of fail-

ing to comply with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

A subsequent resolution, which sought to grant a six-month extension to both the JCPOA and Resolution 2231, also failed to pass at the Security Council on Friday.

"An attempt was made to reach a settlement between the proposals of the two sides, but due to the excessive demands of the Americans and the support of the European countries, we were unable to reach a settlement," Araghchi stated.

Araghchi also revealed that "messages were exchanged with the Americans, both directly and indirectly." He stated that officials were "relieved that we did what was necessary and it was confirmed."

## Diplomatic solution

In a separate interview with CNN, the Iranian official reiterated that diplomatic solution is the only way to re-

solve Iran's nuclear issue, stressing that military action and the sanctions will only complicate the situation.

Araghchi said Iran has previously proved that it is not seeking nuclear weapons and accepted the US invitation for negotiations. Five rounds of talks were held, but Israel attacked Iran two days ahead of the planned sixth round of the negotiations, and the US accompanied Israel in the aggression, he added.

Iran has had two "unpleasant experiences" with the US, the Iranian foreign minister told CNN. Once, an agreement was reached but the US withdrew from it, and another time, Iran entered negotiations with Washington but came under attack, the top diplomat said.

Araghchi said that the US struck the Iranian nuclear sites in June and caused severe damage to them, but the military action failed to resolve the standoff since Iran possesses indige-



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nous nuclear technology and has not relied on imports.

If there are concerns about Iran's nuclear program, the solution goes

through diplomacy and Iran has always been ready for dialogue and a negotiated settlement of the issue, Araghchi said.

## Top general: Naval forces ready for 'possible confrontation'

## International Desk

Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said during a visit to the country's naval units that the forces are fully ready for a "possible confrontation" in the future.

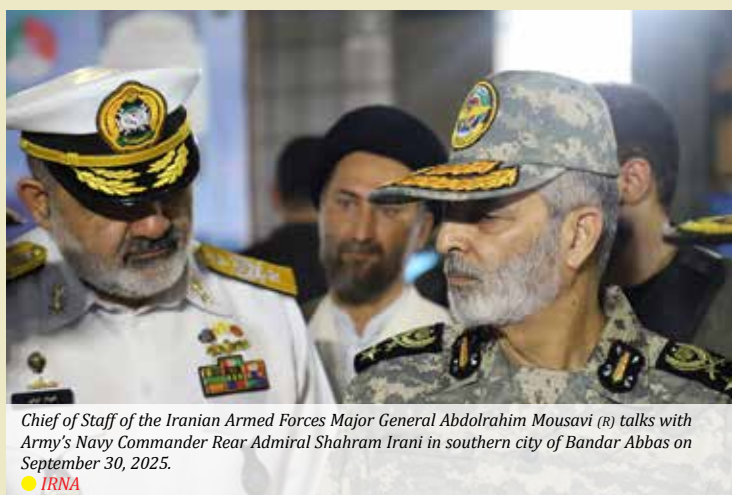
Mousavi toured surface, subsurface, commando, and aviation units of the Army's naval forces as well as combat and operational divisions of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy in the southern city of Bandar Abbas and held talks with commanders and personnel.

Speaking to the Army's naval forces, he underlined their high preparedness across domains, saying, "This strategic force enjoys complete combat readiness at sea, on land, and in the air."

"The Army's brave sailors in the south of the country are fully prepared to carry out assigned missions, and all defensive and offensive plans to confront the enemy are being constantly exercised and updated."

Touring the IRGC Navy's units, the top general highlighted the combination of "faith, motivation, knowledge, experience, and perseverant and revolutionary spirit" among its personnel.

He said such spirit reflects "the one hundred percent readiness



Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi (R) talks with Army's Navy Commander Rear Admiral Shahram Irani in southern city of Bandar Abbas on September 30, 2025.  
● IRNA

of the IRGC Navy in various defensive and offensive domains," adding that the force "is prepared for any kind of defense or offense against the enemy."

Referring to recent developments, Mousavi noted the progress achieved in the short span of time since the 12-day war of aggression imposed by the Israeli regime and the United States against the country in June.

"In this short period, great work has been carried out in the IRGC Navy. What we witnessed today was extraordinary preparedness for a possible confrontation," he asserted.

Israel launched an unprovoked

aggression against Iran on June 13, triggering a 12-day war that killed at least 1,064 people in the country, including military commanders, scientists, and civilians. The US also assisted Israel and joined the regime's aggression by bombing Iran's nuclear facilities. In response, the Iranian Armed Forces targeted strategic sites across the occupied territories as well as the Al-Udeid air base in Qatar, the largest American military base in West Asia.

On June 24, Iran, through its successful retaliatory operations against both the Israeli regime and the US, managed to impose a halt to the terrorist assault.

## Pezeshkian says capitulation to coercion 'not in our nature'

## National Desk

President Masoud Pezeshkian on Tuesday referred to recent international sanctions reimposed on the country by the UN Security Council, saying, "Surrendering is not in our nature."

"The world is pressuring us to surrender, but surrendering is not in our nature. We will stand for Iran until the last breath and will not bow our heads," he said during a meeting with the national freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling teams which won the 2025 World Championships.

The president referred to economic sanctions and restrictions imposed on the country, urging reliance on domestic potential. "When we draw on our capabilities and capacities, we will certainly achieve our goals," he added.

Pezeshkian praised the athletes for setting an example for the country's youth. "You can be role models for the young generation through your conduct and character," he said, stressing that Iran remains determined despite mounting challenges.

In separate remarks on the reimposition of sanctions on Monday, the Iranian president said the enemies are seeking to sanction Iran because the country refuses to bow and will not accept humiliation.

"They want to force us to submit to base and vile people, but even imagining that has no place in my mind," Pezeshkian



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian shakes hands with wrestlers at a ceremony held in Tehran on September 30, 2025 to honor the national freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling teams for their recent world championship victories.  
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said. "Bringing Iran and our people to their knees is a pipe dream."

Last month, France, Britain, and Germany triggered the snapback of all UN sanctions against Iran that the 2015 nuclear agreement had lifted under the pretext of non-compliance on Tehran's part, despite Washington's unilateral withdrawal and violation of the terms of the pact.

The UN Security Council restored the bans on Sunday. It came nearly two days after the United States and its allies vetoed a draft resolution submitted by China and Russia on delaying the so-called "snapback" mechanism.

Iran has vowed to take reciprocal action against the hostile move.

## 120 US-deported Iranians to arrive home in coming days: *Ministry*



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## International Desk

The Iranian Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday that 120 nationals being deported from the United States under President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown will arrive home this week. Foreign Ministry's consular affairs offi-

cial Hossein Noushabadi said necessary arrangements for their return have been made and consular services have been provided to them.

"The US immigration service has decided to deport around 400 Iranians currently in the United States, most of them after entering illegally."

"Based on our information, their consent to return to the country has been obtained."

He said that the Iranian migrants have legally left the country but how they went to the United States is another matter, Noushabadi said, adding that some of them have illegally entered the US through the Mexican border.

Noushabadi noted that some of the Iranians who have been deported had legal

residency in the US.

The New York Times reported that some 100 Iranians who had sought refuge in the United States were being deported to their homeland under an agreement between Washington and Tehran.

It said the rare deal between the longtime foes was the fruit of several months of negotiations.

The newspaper said an aircraft chartered by the US authorities had left the southern state of Louisiana on Monday evening and was expected to land in Tehran later Tuesday after a stopover in the Persian Gulf state of Qatar.

Earlier this year, the United States already deported a number of Iranians, many of them Christians, to the Central American countries of Costa Rica and Panama.

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