

Araghchi: Diplomacy sole way to resolve ambiguities about Iran's nuclear program

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Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Tehran is ready to resolve ambiguities about its peaceful nuclear program, noting that diplomacy is the only way to do as other paths have not yielded results.

He made the remarks at the National Congress on the Islamic Republic's Foreign Policy in Tehran on Sunday, two days after Iran and the United States held indirect nuclear talks in Oman following weeks of escalating tensions caused by the US war rhetoric against Iran.

"We are a man of diplomacy, we are also a man of war; not in the sense that we seek war, but ... we are ready to fight so that no one dares to fight us," he said. Currently, he added, the foremost principle of Iran's foreign policy is dignity, which means preserving independence, negating domination and defending the country's sovereignty.

Araghchi further emphasized that Iran's response depends on the tone adopted by others toward the country, saying diplomacy will be met with the same language, as it is the case with the use of force and the language of respect.

He expressed Tehran's readiness to resolve ambiguities about its peaceful nuclear program, noting that diplomacy is the only way to do as other paths have not yielded results. "They (the enemies) bombed our facilities, but they failed to achieve the result they wanted. Knowledge cannot be destroyed by bombing; technology cannot be destroyed. There is technology and there is knowledge, so there is no choice but to negotiate," he said.

Additionally, in his remarks, the top diplomat stressed that Iran's official right to the peaceful nuclear energy program exists and that the country wants its right to be respected. "I believe the secret of the Is-



Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi speaks during the National Congress on the Islamic Republic's Foreign Policy in Tehran on February 8, 2026.
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lamic Republic of Iran's power lies in its ability to stand against bullying, domination and pressures from others," Araghchi said.

"They fear our atomic bomb, while we are not pursuing an atomic bomb. Our atomic bomb is the power to say no to the great powers. The secret of the Islamic Republic's power is to say no to the powers."

Meanwhile, the foreign minister referred to the illegal US-Israeli aggression against Iran that killed at least 1,064 people between June 13 and 27, 2025.

He said the war would have remained a stain in Iranian history if the nation had not resisted the enemies.

"The indomitability of the Iranian people had to be proven,



and this was proven in the 12-day war. Those who ... tweeted "unconditional surrender" on

the third day of the war... sent a message of "unconditional ceasefire" on the 12th day.

Why? Because we were not afraid of war and resisted," he pointed out.

President: Iran's nuclear logic rooted in rights enshrined in NPT



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President Masoud Pezeshkian hailed the new round of indirect nuclear talks between Iran and the United States as a "step forward," emphasizing that Tehran's rationale concerning the issue is based on the rights enshrined in the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

"The Iran-US talks, which were held in light of requests from friendly governments in the region, were a step forward. Dialogue has always been our strategy for a peaceful resolution. Our logic in the nuclear issue centers on the rights enshrined in the NPT," Pezeshkian wrote in a

post published on the social media platform X on Sunday, Press TV reported. He added that the Iranian nation has always responded to the language of respect reciprocally, yet it never endures the language of force.

A new round of Iran-US nuclear negotiations, mediated by Oman, ended in the Omani capital on Friday after several hours of indirect talks. The discussions, which kicked off in the morning, were facilitated by Omani Foreign Minister Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi. The negotiating delegations of Iran and the US exchanged a range of viewpoints, considerations, and approaches through the top Omani diplomat.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has described

the talks as a good start overall, saying that Iran's positions were clearly conveyed and its concerns were transferred to the US negotiators.

On the nuclear front, Iran insists on its legal right to enrich uranium on its own soil, describing the issue as a red line in the talks. From Tehran's perspective, any potential technical measures can only be considered within a framework that recognizes this right, and any preconditions beyond it would be seen as a sign of bad faith by the other side.

Iran had held five rounds of talks on a replacement for the 2015 nuclear deal prior to the US-Israeli airstrikes on the country and its nuclear facilities in mid-June.

Iran's top general says country has no intention of initiating a regional war



Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi addresses a group of Iranian commanders and servicemen of the Army's Air Force and Air Defense Force during a ceremony in Tehran, Iran, on February 8, 2026.
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The Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said on Sunday that Iran has no intention of starting a regional war but is fully prepared to deliver a decisive response to any act of aggression. "While we are prepared, we have no intention of starting a war in the region," Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said on Sunday, addressing a group of Iranian commanders and servicemen of the Army's Air Force and Air Defense Force during a ceremony on the occasion of the Iranian Air Force Day. "Although the targets of a regional war would be the aggressors, it would nonetheless set back the region's progress and development for years, and the United States and the Zionist regime, as the warmongers, will be held responsible for its repercussions," he said. He underlined that Iran enjoys both the prowess and necessary preparations for a long-term war with the United States. It yet welcomes logical openings for negotiations without unreasonable preconditions,

the general stated.

General Mousavi said the Iranian nation has witnessed US atrocities, treacheries, deceptions, bullying, greed, domination-seeking, and inhumane desire for swallowing Iran over the past 47 years.

"All these have made this generation more serious, determined, capable, and resolute in standing up against this wicked enemy," he noted.

Earlier, the top commander warned of Iran's devastating response to hostile actions, stressing that any attempt to impose war on the country would end in certain failure.

He noted in a message issued on Saturday that the Iranian Air Force is currently at the highest level of preparedness and, in full coordination with other branches of the Armed Forces, is ready to confront any form of threat or aggression with a firm and forceful response.

The general also stated that Iran would never initiate a war, but stressed that it would not hesitate for a moment to decisively defend its national security, vital interests, and territorial integrity.

Former FM: Negotiations with US on right track

International Desk

Ali Akbar Salehi, the former Iranian foreign minister and the Head of the Iranology Foundation, said on Sunday that new round of negotiations between Iran and the United States are proceeding "on the right track".

"If certain international actors who are up to mischief are controlled, I feel that this time the right path is being gone down. The remarks by US President Donald Trump have been positive so far. To what extent



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he can be relied upon, however, is a separate matter," Salehi told IRNA on the sidelines of the National Congress on the Islamic Republic's

Foreign Policy in Tehran. The Iranian official also emphasized the necessity of domestic unity in foreign policy as the country has "enough en-

emies abroad".

Referring to the Iranian foreign minister's positive assessments of the first round of nuclear negotiations with the US, which were held in Oman on Friday, "I think if no particular incident comes up and we stand together within the country, this domestic unity will lead to an increase in power and provide strong support for our negotiator."

Iran and the US have launched new round of negotiations in Oman to resolve tensions over Iran's nuclear program.



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