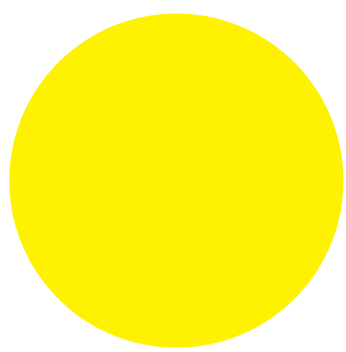


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## Ceasefire signals start of new phase for Iran's foreign policy

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### OPINION

Donald Trump's team has, in recent weeks, begun to show clear signs of recalibration. Earlier assumptions appear to have been reassessed. Positions once shaped by over-confidence now seem to be giving way to a search for an exit. In such circumstances, Iran needed to pause and test whether these shifts would translate into tangible changes in US policy.

Tehran's decision to accept a temporary halt to the war is therefore not only timely but courageous. It is also, by any reasonable measure, a politically and militarily confident move. Credit belongs both to the country's leadership and to a public that has absorbed the costs of the conflict.

The clearest account of what has transpired has come from Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi. His statement sets out the framework with notable precision. Its subsequent repost by the US president effectively underscores that Washington has, at least in broad terms, accepted Iran's framing. Araghchi referred explicitly to "the US request for negotiations on its 15-point proposal" and to the American president's declaration of "acceptance in principle of Iran's 10-point proposal." These two drafts, he noted, will form the basis of talks expected to take place in Pakistan. Speaking "on behalf of the National Security Council," he further stated that "1. if attacks against the Islamic Republic of Iran cease, our powerful armed forces will also halt their defensive operations;" and "2. for a period of two weeks, safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz will be possible in coordination with Iran's armed forces and with due regard to existing technical constraints."

This matters. The ceasefire deal is not an ad hoc decision. It reflects a consensus reached at the highest level of Iran's political and military structure. At this stage, what will matter most is whether that decision is backed across the domestic political spectrum. Such support could prove decisive in shaping the outcome of the negotiations that follow.

The rationale behind Iran's move is rooted in the logic of war itself. Conflicts evolve. As they do, both sides reassess their positions. At certain points, maximalist demands give way to a degree of realism. Over the past two weeks, the Trump administration has signaled precisely such a shift. Iran's decision to hold back and test the durability of these changes reflects a calculated approach. The negotiations ahead will reveal whether battlefield realities have stripped away what Tehran sees as earlier illusions, shaped in part by headline Israeli influence.

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Iranian officials have consistently argued that any halt.

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## Asian Wrestling Ch'ships:

### Mirzazadeh wins gold as Iran secures Greco-Roman title

Amin Mirzazadeh headlined Iran's medal hunt on Day 2 of the Asian Wrestling Championships on Tuesday by winning the super-heavyweight gold in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Iranians bagged another four medals, including three silvers, on Tuesday to help the country secure the Greco-Roman team title regardless of the outcome in the other five weight categories.

Reigning world champion Mirzazadeh was in a league of his own in the 130kg class, completing a clean sweep of three superiority victories without conceding a point.

Elsewhere, Gholamreza Farrokhi, a world senior and under-23 gold medalist last year, was stunned by the host's wrestler 11-4 in the 87kg final.

Erfan Jarkani and Ali Oskou also suffered final defeats against Kyrgyz opponents to settle for silver in the 63kg and 77kg divisions, respectively.



Iran's Amin Mirzazadeh is pictured during a Greco-Roman 130kg bout at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on April 6, 2026. IAWFIR

Mohammad Hosseinvand Panahi was the only Iranian to beat a wrestler from the host country on Tuesday, claiming a 7-1 win in the bronze-medal bout of the 55kg category. The Greco-Roman competition will be followed by the freestyle event in the Kyrgyz capital, where the Iranian squad will look to retain the crown and complete a team title double for the country.

World champion Amirhossein Zare' will be the wrestler to beat in the 125kg class, while Amir-Ali Azarpira will be one of the two favorites, alongside Olympic champion Akhmed Tazhudinov of Bahrain, in the 97kg division.

Kamran Qassempour, meanwhile, will be eager for a fresh start in 86kg, following a below-par run, by his standards, at the World Championships and the Islamic Solidarity Games last year, which saw him settle for two bronze medals.

Milad Valizadeh (57kg), Ahmad Mohammadnejad Javan (61kg), Peyman Ne'mati (65kg), Sina Khalili (70kg), Amir-Mohammad Yazdani (74kg), Mahdi Yousefi (79kg), and Mohammad-Mobin Azimi (92kg) complete the Iranian 10-man roster in the freestyle contests.

