

# Iran's 10-point plan acts as basis of Islamabad talks: *Deputy FM*

## International Desk

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Majid Takht-Ravanchi said that the Saturday's negotiations between Iran and the United States in Pakistan will be based on the 10-point ceasefire plan proposed by Iran. Delegations from Iran and the US are scheduled to hold the first round of talks in Islamabad on Saturday after a Pakistan-brokered ceasefire agreement between Tehran and Washington took effect on April 8. The truce was agreed to allow negotiations aimed at ending an unprovoked aggression by the US and the Israeli regime that has already killed thousands and plunged the global economy into turmoil. Iran pursues a "responsible" approach to the declaration of the ceasefire, adding, "It has been agreed that Iran's 10-article plan will be the basis for negotiations," Takht-Ravanchi said in a

meeting with ambassadors and heads of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations based in Tehran on Friday.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has always welcomed diplomacy and dialogue, but not a dialogue based on false information with the purpose of deceiving and paving the way for renewed military aggression against Iran," he added. "We do not want a ceasefire that will allow the aggressive enemy to rearm and launch another attack, and we have explicitly told our friends that this situation will not recur without guarantees," the Iranian official said.

According to the statement issued by Iran's top security body on Wednesday, the United States has agreed to the 10-point proposal that fundamentally commits Washington to no new aggression against Iran, continued Iranian control over the Strait of Hormuz, acceptance of uranium enrichment, removal of all primary sanctions, removal



Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Majid Takht-Ravanchi speaks in a meeting with ambassadors and heads of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations based in Tehran on April 10, 2026.

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of all secondary sanctions, termination of all anti-Iran UN Security Council resolutions, termination of all anti-Iran IAEA Board of Governors resolutions, payment of compensation to Iran, withdrawal of US forces from the region and cessation of war on all fronts, including against the Islamic Resistance of Lebanon.

Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said on Friday that two previously agreed measures, a ceasefire in Lebanon and the release of Iran's blocked assets, must be implemented before negotiations begin.

In a post on X on Friday, Qalibaf said the steps were part of commitments made



between the parties and warned that talks should not start until they were fulfilled.

US Vice President JD Vance is due to lead the US delegation on Saturday, joined by special envoy Steve Witkoff

and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner. Vance said on Friday he was looking forward to having positive negotiations with Iran as he left for talks in Pakistan with a warning to Tehran not to "play us."

## Iran sinks in sea of grief on 40th day of Leader's martyrdom, Minab tragedy

### National Desk

Millions of Iranians have taken to the streets across the country to commemorate the 40th day since the martyrdom of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, top commanders and schoolchildren of Minab in the US-Israeli aggression against the country.

In the capital Tehran, the mourning procession began on Thursday morning, with participants marching from Jomhuri Square to the location where Ayatollah Khamenei was assassinated in the US-Israeli strikes.

Waiving Iran's flags, carrying pictures of Ayatollah Khamenei, the mourners pledged their allegiance to his ideals.

The Leader was assassinated, alongside some of his family mem-

bers, on February 28, the first day of the unprovoked aggression launched by the United States and the Israeli regime against Iran. A host of Iran's top military commanders and advisers were also assassinated, including Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani, and Major General Mohammad Pakpour.

The enemies have deliberately targeted Iran's civilian infrastructure and energy facilities, killing hundreds of people. In one of the deadliest attacks on the first day of the aggression, the US military targeted a primary school in Minab, killing more than 170 civilians, mostly children.

The Iranian armed forces began to swiftly retaliate against the military assault by conducting barrages of missile and drone attacks on the Israeli-occupied territories as

well as on the US assets in regional countries.

In a statement released on Thursday, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said that the martyrdom of Ayatollah Khamenei was as effective as his lifetime presence in the promotion of Islamic Revolution and the Islamic Republic.

It also enumerated the resistance and unity of the Iranian nation and the Islamic establishment, as well as 100 fatal strikes by the Iranian armed forces and the enemies' humiliating retreats, as parts of the blessings of the Leader's pure blood during the imposed war. Ayatollah Khamenei's thought, discourse, conduct and command in the fields of resistance, independence, progress, justice, unity, fight against oppression, and spirituality form a comprehensive system for governing the country, it added.

## Pezeshkian: Iran never to forsake Lebanon in face of Israeli onslaught

Pakistan scolds Israel as 'evil and a curse for humanity'

### International Desk

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian announced on Thursday that the Islamic Republic would never abandon the Lebanese nation after the Israeli regime's barbaric bombing of various areas across the country despite a ceasefire.

More than 100 Israeli airstrikes across Lebanon on Wednesday, including attacks on densely populated neighborhoods in Beirut, killed over 300 people and damaged a key bridge linking southern Lebanon with the rest of the country.

The bombings, which also wounded more than 1,150 people according to Lebanon's Health Ministry, were described as the deadliest aggression since March 2, when Israel launched an air campaign and ground operations in southern Lebanon. The onslaught on April 8 came hours after Iran and the US announced a 15-day Pakistani-brokered ceasefire which also included Lebanon in a 40-day war. "Renewed aggression by the Zionist regime against Lebanon blatantly violates the initial ceasefire," Pezeshkian wrote in a post on his X account.

Pakistan confirmed that Lebanon was included in the ceasefire it had mediated. Israel and the US, however, claim the ceasefire does not include Lebanon, with Israel announcing it will continue its attacks on the country.

"Such actions signal deception and non-compliance, rendering negotiations meaningless," Pezeshkian added. "Our hands remain on the trigger. Iran will never forsake its Lebanese brothers and sisters." The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) also announced that Iran is preparing "regret-inducing" response to the renewed Israeli attacks on Lebanon, warning that any assault on Hezbollah is an assault on the Islamic Republic.



Meanwhile, Pakistan's Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif blasted the Israeli regime as "evil and a curse for humanity," slamming its on-going genocide against innocent civilians in Lebanon while diplomatic peace efforts are underway in Islamabad.

Taking to the social media platform X on Thursday, the senior Pakistani politician drew a clear line between the Zionist entity's bloodletting and any pretense of pursuing peace, stating, "Israel is evil and a curse for humanity, while peace talks are underway in Islamabad, genocide is being committed in Lebanon. Innocent citizens are being killed by Israel, first Gaza, then Iran and now Lebanon, bloodletting continues unabated."

Asif further described the Zionist regime as a "cancerous state" forcibly implanted on Palestinian land, underscoring that its very existence has brought nothing but destruction and instability to the region and the wider world. Pakistan has long stood firmly with the Palestinian people and the Lebanese resistance in their legitimate struggle against Zionist occupation and expansionism.

## Former FM Kamal Kharrazi martyred in US-Israeli attack

President touts Kharrazi as 'committed, influential figure'

### National Desk

Head of the Strategic Council on Foreign Relations and former Iranian foreign minister Kamal Kharrazi succumbed to his injuries sustained in a US-Israeli attack earlier this week. Kharrazi, who had been wounded in an attack that targeted his home in Tehran, attained martyrdom on Thursday night. His wife was martyred in the same attack on April 1. Kharrazi held numerous high-profile positions throughout his distinguished career of public service, spanning decades since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. He headed the Strategic Council on Foreign Relations and served as a senior advisor to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution. Established in June 2006, the Strategic Council on Foreign Relations is a prominent Iranian think tank and advisory body that reports directly to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution. Kharrazi also served as the foreign



minister from 1997 to 2005 and as a member of the Expediency Discernment Council.

Following his martyrdom, many Iranian officials issued condolences messages. President Masoud Pezeshkian described him as a prominent, committed, and influential figure in the country's diplomatic arena, who spent many years of his noble life in critical positions such as the foreign minister and the country's ambassador Iran to the United Nations. He carried out these responsibilities with sincerity, wisdom, and a deep commitment to the ideals of the Islamic Revolution, in the path of de-

fending national interests.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi condoled the martyrdom of Kharrazi, describing him as an "educated scientist, prominent diplomat, and an indelible face in the field of foreign policy."

"The absence of such a personality is not just the loss of a person, but the reticence of part of the reason, experience and sound of Iran's diplomacy in the international arena," he added. Araghchi also said Kharrazi spent his life on the difficult and challenging path of foreign policy, while demonstrating honesty, patience, prudence and honor.

During his tenure in the Foreign Ministry and the Strategic Council on Foreign Relations, Kharrazi represented rationality, contemplation, and adherence to national interests, he noted.

Kharrazi's "name is intertwined with the dignity of Iran's diplomacy, firm logic vis-à-vis the world, and solemn defense of the nation's independence," Araghchi said.

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