

# ***Pezeshkian:* Iran will only continue talks within framework of int'l law**

'Threats, pressure, and military action do not solve the problem'

## International Desk

President Masoud Pezeshkian firmly reiterated that Iran will continue all negotiations exclusively within the framework of international law and regulations, while underscoring Tehran's firm commitment to diplomacy, regional stability and the protection of its national rights in the face of the US-Israeli war of aggression. In a telephone conversation with French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday, President Pezeshkian emphasized adherence to international principles. "The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to continue the talks

solely within the framework of international laws and regulations and with the aim of protecting the rights of the Iranian people," he said, Press TV reported. Pezeshkian stated that Europe can play a constructive role by encouraging Washington to respect such legal frameworks. He also highlighted the seriousness and goodwill demonstrated by Iran's negotiating team throughout the Islamabad negotiations between Iran and the US in Pakistan. "Despite the expert understandings reached between the parties, the excessiveness and lack of political will of senior US officials have prevented

the agreement from being finalized," Pezeshkian stated. He also stressed that "approaches based on threats, pressure, and military action not only do not solve the problem, but also add to the complexity of the issues and will exacerbate the self-created problems of the American side." Diplomacy, he said, remains Iran's preferred path, pursued while fully preserving national dignity and authority. Referring to the recent threat issued by US President Donald Trump against the Strait of Hormuz, Pezeshkian warned of its dangerous implications. "The Islamic Republic of Iran



Emmanuel Macron

Masoud Pezeshkian

has always sought to ensure sustainable security for the passage of ships in this strategic passageway, and any threat to the security of this region will have wide-ranging consequences for global trade," he

stated. In the conversation, Macron referred to his recent consultations with the US president and emphasized the necessity of including the issue of Lebanon within the framework

of the initial ceasefire agreement. He also presented his views on the Iranian nuclear file and developments concerning the legal regime of the Strait of Hormuz.

## Anti-war New Yorkers demand end to US military support for Israel

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Hundreds of people held a demonstration in the US city of New York to protest US military support for Israel amid a recent joint aggression by the US and the regime against Iran.

The protesters gathered near the offices of Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer and his colleague Kirsten Gillibrand, whom they accuse of voting against a measure aimed at blocking US arms sales to Israel.

They blocked a major avenue in Manhattan for just under an hour to protest US military support for Israel.

New York's police detained around 100 people taking part in the rally by a Jewish organization that promotes Palestinian rights, an AFP correspondent saw, with Chelsea Manning among those held.

Manning is the army intelligence analyst who leaked documents to WikiLeaks, and had her 35-year sentence commuted by President Barack Obama in 2017. She now campaigns for pro-Palestinian



causes. "Our actions matter in shaping the course of history. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand have repeatedly supported weapons sales to Israel that are being used to commit atrocities across Palestine, Lebanon, and Iran. We call on Senators Schumer and Gillibrand to follow the will of New Yorkers and vote to block weapons and bulldozer sales to Israel," she said in a statement issued by JVP. Protesters chanted slogans like "stop the bombs", "end the killings" and "free Palestine" while voicing their strong opposition to the US-Israeli strikes on Iran, Israel's ongoing deadly attacks in south



Protesters get arrested during a rally outside the New York office of US Sen. Chuck Schumer, calling for an end to the US-Israel war on Iran and opposing US arms support for Israel on April 13, 2026.

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Lebanon and Israel's aggression on the besieged Gaza Strip. The demonstrators also chanted "let Gaza live", "let Iran live" and "let Lebanon live." The US and Israel initiated a large-scale and unprovoked war of aggression against Iran on February 28, assassinating Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and several high-ranking military commanders as well as hundreds of civilians. Washington's costly war on Iran, which soon turned into a regional conflict, has already consumed tens of billions of dollars and raised concerns about the strain on US weapons stockpiles, large parts of which are also shipped to Israel to be used either against Iran or against Palestine and Lebanon.

## Iran as 'victim of aggression' seeks reparations from Arab states

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Iran demanded compensation from five Arab nations for committing internationally wrongful acts by allowing their territories to be used by aggressors and in some cases directly participating in unlawful armed attacks against Iran.

In a letter addressed to Secretary General António Guterres and Security Council President Jamal Fares Alrowaie, Iran's Ambassador and Permanent Representative Amir Saeid Irvani rejected recent compensation demands from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, and Jordan and said that under the present circumstances, the named states cannot lawfully invoke Article 51 of the UN Charter (the right to self-defense) vis-à-vis Iran as they facilitated the US-Israel aggression.

Instead, Tehran asserts that it is "the victim of aggression" and is exercising its inherent right of self-defense, he added in the letter. The letter further states that in some instances, unlawful armed attacks against civilian targets inside Iran have been carried out directly by those states.

The Iranian mission demanded that the five countries should immediately cease their internationally wrongful acts of allowing their territories to be used by aggressors and, in certain cases, engaging in direct unlawful armed attacks against Iran. By those acts, he added, they have breached their international obligations towards Iran under international law, thereby engaging their international responsibility. Irvani reiterated that they should make



Firefighters conduct rescue operation at the site of an airstrike during the US-Israeli aggression against Iran in the central city of Qom, Iran, on April 6, 2026.

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full reparations to Iran, including compensation for all material and moral damage sustained as a result of their internationally wrongful acts.

### US-Israeli war inflicts \$270b damage

The government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani has said the country's preliminary assessment of the damage caused by the unprovoked US-Israeli aggression has reached \$270 billion, stressing that the figure may change.

On Friday, the president of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) said more than 125,000 civilian structures had been either destroyed or severely damaged because of the aggression.

Pir-Hossein Koulivand identified 100,000 of the structures as residential properties and 23,500 as commercial centers.

## US 'excessive demands' hindered deal in Islamabad talks: Araghchi

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the US's "excessive demands" hampered an agreement during the negotiations in Pakistan aimed at a conclusive end to the US-Israeli aggression against the Islamic Republic.

Araghchi made the remarks in separate phone calls with his Saudi and French counterparts days after the talks between Iranian and American delegations in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad ended without a breakthrough.

"Despite progress on many issues discussed, the US prevented the achievement of an agreement due to its approach of excessive demands and the continuous change of its demands," Araghchi told French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot on Monday.

Araghchi and his Saudi counterpart, Faisal bin Farhan, also exchanged views on the negotiations between Iran and the US following the announcement of a temporary ceasefire and risks arising from Washington's provocative acts.

While emphasizing Iran's responsible and good-will approach in accepting the ceasefire and entering the negotiations, the Iranian top diplomat said,



Abbas Araghchi

"Unfortunately, we witnessed the continuation of the American side's excessive demands in the negotiations and this obstructed any result." Also on Monday, Araghchi held a telephone conversation with Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassem Al Thani. During the call, Araghchi said that Iran has acted decisively in defending its national sovereignty and territorial integrity. Iran, he said, entered the diplomatic process to preserve its national interests and protect regional peace and security. The Qatari foreign minister also voiced his country's support for mediation efforts

to end the war.

The Iranian foreign minister also warned against the perilous consequences of provocative US actions in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, emphasizing that such reckless moves endanger peace and security not only in the region but across the entire world. He made the remarks in a telephone conversation with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Monday. Following recent threats by US President Donald Trump to impose a naval blockade on Iran, the US Central Command (CENTCOM) declared that it would enforce a blockade in the Sea of Oman and the Arabian Sea east of the Strait of Hormuz, effective from 17:30 Tehran time on Monday.

The announcement stated that the measure would cover all vessel traffic irrespective of their flag. Iran has categorically rejected any illegitimate US attempt to interfere in its sovereign waters.

Iran's military warned that any threat to the country's ports would trigger a broader regional response, declaring that no port in the Persian Gulf or the Sea of Oman would remain secure if Iranian ports are targeted.

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