

Pezeshkian warns continuation of conflicts serves no one's interest

'Trump in no place to oppose Iran's inalienable nuclear rights'

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Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Sunday that the continuation of conflicts is in no one's interest, stressing that the solution to problems lies in rationality, dialogue, and avoiding further destruction.

Pezeshkian underlined that Iran is not seeking to expand the war in the region, adding that some powers are trying to drag regional countries in conflicts in order to exploit their resources, while the nations of the region must stand against such approaches through unity and solidarity, and strengthen the path of cooperation and cohesion.

The Iranian president made the remarks during a visit to the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology in Tehran.

The aggression against Iran began on February 28, when the United States and Israel launched attacks on the country, assassinating Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

The aggression also included strikes

on military installations, nuclear facilities, schools, hospitals and civilian infrastructure.

Iran's Armed Forces responded with 100 waves of retaliatory strikes under Operation True Promise 4, launching hundreds of ballistic and hypersonic missiles, as well as drones, against American military bases across West Asia and Israeli positions throughout the occupied territories.

Meanwhile, the Iranian president during a visit to the Ministry of Sport and Youth hit out at his American counterpart Donald Trump over his threats, saying he is not in a position to deprive the Iranian nation of its inalienable right to a peaceful nuclear program.

Trump has threatened that the US would secure Iran's enriched uranium "in a much more unfriendly form" if no deal is reached.

"The US president declares that Iran should not use its nuclear rights, but he does not say for what crime? Basically, what position does he have in the world to deprive a nation of its legal rights?" Pezeshkian

asked.

"From the perspective of human principles, every free person, regardless of his religion, faith, race, or ethnicity, should enjoy his inalienable rights," he added.

Pezeshkian slams UN silence

The Iranian chief executive also slammed self-proclaimed human rights organizations and the United Nations for remaining silent on criminal US-Israeli strikes on Iran that assassinated scientists and targeted civilians and residential areas. He further denounced the adversaries' war crimes as a sign of their desperation and failure.

Highlighting Iran's principled approach to regional peace, stability, and security, he stressed that the Islamic Republic is not seeking to spread war and it has not been and will never be the initiator of any conflict.

"We are pacifists and what we are doing is legitimate self-defense," he asserted.

Meanwhile, Pezeshkian appreciated the Iranian Armed Forces for



Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian (R) speaks during a visit to the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology in Tehran on April 19, 2026.

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remaining steadfast in the face of the illegal US-Israeli aggression and delivering a decisive response to the enemies.

The performance of the Armed Forces in defiance of pressure and

threats has stunned many analysts, he said.

"Despite problems, the country was capable of standing against the great powers that enjoy extensive support. On the contrary, having

failed to achieve their goals, the enemies attacked civilian infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, universities, and public places, in flagrant violation of international law."

Iran watchful of 'enemy's mistake' amid diplomatic efforts: Qalibaf

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Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said Iran's Armed Forces are ready to respond to any mistake by the enemy even while diplomatic efforts are underway to end the aggression against Iran by the US and Israel.

The top lawmaker, who is leading Iranian delegation in negotiations with the US in Pakistan, stressed that Tehran has no trust in its adversaries, warning that Iran's response will be swift to any act of aggression. In a televised address to the nation on Saturday, he dismissed any suggestion that ongoing negotiations might lead to complacency regarding the national defense.

"It is not the case that we think just because we are negotiating, the Armed Forces are not ready," he said. "Rather, just as the people are in the streets, our armed forces are also ready."

He also said Iran successfully pushed back the enemy despite its superior financial and material resources by applying the asymmetric warfare strategy.

"The enemy had money and resources, but they did not act correctly in terms of design," Qalibaf stated. "They make strategic errors. They miscalculate regarding our people, just as they miscalculate in their own military design."

Strait of Hormuz
Qalibaf also referred



Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf

to the Strait of Hormuz which has been closed by Iran in response to the US-Israeli aggression, saying that he personally warned a US delegation in Pakistan against escalation in the strategic waterway.

Qalibaf said he warned the US delegation that Iranian forces would open fire at US minesweepers if they moved "an inch" from their position in the Strait.

The top Iranian lawmaker also laid out a detailed account of the confrontation between the Iranian naval forces and the US military in the Strait of Hormuz, asserting that the Islamic Republic has full control over the vital waterway and has already pushed the US into a retreat.

He also dismissed the Trump administration's recent move of a "naval blockade" imposed on Iran's ports as "a clumsy decision born of ignorance."

"If the US does not abandon the blockade, traffic in the Strait of Hormuz will certainly be restricted," he said.

Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) said on Saturday that Iran will prevent the conditional and limited opening of the Strait of Hormuz if the US tries to disrupt shipping or impose measures such as the naval blockade.

"Should the enemy attempt to disrupt shipping or impose measures such as a naval blockade, the Islamic Republic of Iran will consider that a violation of the ceasefire and will prevent the conditional and limited opening of the Strait of Hormuz," the SNSC said in a statement on Saturday.

The statement was issued regarding the state of play in negotiations with the US, mediated by Pakistan, to end the ongoing war, which has temporarily been halted after a ceasefire was announced on April 8.

A first round of talks in Islamabad failed to produce an agreement, with Iranian officials blaming the US side for putting forward excessive demands and shifting its position at the negotiating table.

Iran replenishing missile stockpiles faster than before war: IRGC commander

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A top Iranian military commander said Sunday the country's capacity to replenish missile and drone stockpiles during the two-week ceasefire had outpaced pre-war levels.

The commander of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force, General Majid Mousavi, shared a video on social media platform UpScrolled, showing the replacement of the missile and drone stockpiles, Press TV reported.

Accompanying the footage was a message from Mousavi, stating that Iran's "speed in updating and re-loading missile and drone launchers have surpassed even its pre-war pace."

Mousavi said, "We are aware that the enemy is incapable of creating such conditions for themselves during the ceasefire."

Since the ceasefire began on April 11, he said, the United States has had to "to bring in ammunition from the other side of the world in a trickle."

"They have lost this phase of the war as well. They have lost the Strait, they have lost Lebanon, and they have lost the entire region," said the commander.

Mousavi's remarks come as many reports contradict claims that weeks of joint US-Israeli military aggression against Iran has significantly weakened the country's strategic capabilities.

Citing US intelligence assessments, the Wall Street Journal reported last week that Tehran's ability to sustain its missile capability relies on a vast network of reinforced underground storage areas, which have largely shielded mobile launchers from weeks of



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bombing.

The report said Iran still possesses "thousands of medium- and short-range ballistic missiles that could be pulled out of hiding or retrieved from underground sites."

General Mousavi also mentioned the Strait of Hormuz, which the IRGC declared closed again on Saturday due to US violations of a ceasefire. The IRGC reiterated that a continued naval blockade on Iranian ports amounts to piracy.

In a separate post on the social media platform,

Mousavi hailed the military strategy devised by the martyred leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, which has he said paved the way for Iran's triumph over the two-nuclear armed enemies.

The commander said it has been the late Ayatollah Khamenei's "asymmetric warfare strategy, indigenous missile technology, and reliance on young scientists and warriors that have allowed us to stand tall against the world's most powerful devils."

The Iranian army said early this week that if the security of Iran's "ports in the waters of the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea is threatened, no port in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea will be safe."

Meanwhile, Iran's Armed Forces, which have already shown enormous resilience in the face of 40 days of aggression, vowed to remain vigilant and ready, with fingers on the trigger, to crush any threat with an iron will. Days after the US and Israel launched their military aggression against Iran on February 28, Tehran restricted the Strait of Hormuz to adversaries and their allies as a strategic maneuver.

The biggest-ever disruption at the Persian Gulf waterway, which is a major transit point for about 20 percent of global oil and liquefied natural gas shipments, has fueled inflation and slowed the global economy, with an impact expected to last for months.



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