

Parliamentary panel approves bill to tighten control over Hormuz

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A 12-article bill aimed at consolidating Iran's sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz was approved by the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee of Iran's Parliament, committee member Vahid Ahmadi told ISNA. The committee has submitted its report on the legislation to Parliament's presidium for review and potential approval during a public session. The timing of the plenary debate will be determined after the presidium reaches a decision. "Several bills regarding the Strait of Hormuz had been drafted in Parliament, which

were referred to the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee," Ahmadi said. "Ultimately, the bill 'Consolidate Iran's Sovereignty in the Strait of Hormuz' was approved in the committee and referred to the presidium for review and approval in the public session."

Ahmadi outlined key provisions of the proposed legislation, stating that it envisions establishing a new legal regime for the strategic waterway. Under the framework, the Islamic Republic of Iran could collect fees in exchange for providing services related to environmental protection and security matters in the Strait of Hormuz.

The bill also includes measures for designating shipping lanes, regulating types of vessels permitted to transit, and imposing restrictions on ships belonging to hostile countries or entities affiliated with them, Ahmadi added. The legislative push comes against a backdrop of heightened regional tensions. Following initial US and Israeli air strikes in February, Iran effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint through which approximately one-fifth of global oil supplies transit. Since February 28, the country has prohibited vessels from hostile states from passing through the strategic waterway.



VP pushes for rapid reconstruction, economic relief after war damage



Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref (l) holds talks with Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Ali Madanizadeh in Tehran on April 21, 2026.
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ty, fuel and energy quality control, enhancing safety in sensitive industries, and combating fraud.

Aref emphasized that compliance with standards and safety protocols during the reconstruction process was the government's "red line," adding that sustainable reconstruction would not be possible without precise oversight. He also underscored government support for cooperation among the Standards Organization, the Department of Environment, and the private sector.

In a meeting with Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Ali Madanizadeh, officials presented a report on measures taken in tax, customs, and banking sectors. These included postponement of certain customs guarantees, tax support for small and medium-sized enterprises, accelerated insurance payments for residential damage, and the initiation of damage assessments for large industries.

"Economic pressure on people and businesses must be minimized," Aref said, stressing the necessity of maintaining the country's economic stability.

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Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref on Tuesday called for enhanced coordination among state agencies to accelerate reconstruction of war-damaged assets.

In separate meetings with the ministers of science and economy and the heads of the Department of Environment and National Standards Organization, he also urged efforts to reduce economic pressure on citizens while receiving reports on damages from the recent conflict.

According to IRNA, Aref announced during a meeting with Science Minister Hossein Simaie that 32 scientific centers and universities nationwide had been damaged in the US-Israeli war that began February 28, with Sharif University of Technology, Isfahan University of Technology, Iran University of Science and Technology and Shahid Be-

heshti University sustaining the most severe losses.

The first vice president made the remarks as part of ongoing government sessions to coordinate recovery efforts.

Aref stressed the necessity of rapidly reviving Iran's scientific infrastructure.

During a meeting with the head of the Department of Environment, officials presented a report on environmental damage resulting from the destruction of certain industries, buildings, and areas under the organization's management, as well as harm caused by oil tank explosions. The organization's programs in air pollution monitoring, hazardous waste management, and biodiversity conservation were also outlined.

In a separate session with the head of the National Standards Organization, a report detailed the body's actions regarding supervision of basic goods quali-

Iran Air resumes domestic flights after 50-day wartime hiatus

Imam Khomeini Airport set to restore Muscat, Turkey routes

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Iran Air, the flag carrier of the Islamic Republic of Iran, announced Tuesday that its domestic flights would resume on Wednesday after a 50-day suspension, with the first service operating between Tehran and Mashhad.

The inaugural flight is scheduled to depart this morning from Mehrabad Airport in Tehran to Mashhad, with a return flight set for noon from Mashhad to Mehrabad, according to Mehr news agency. Iran Air stated that its domestic flight schedule would be gradually restored.

Mohammad Amirani, CEO of Iran Airports and Air Navigation Company (IAC), said planning was underway to resume flights from Imam Khomeini International Airport to Muscat and Turkey, while the Mashhad-Muscat route was also under consideration pending review and approval of conditions. All flights and airport operations would remain subject to national conditions and safety considerations, he added.

"Following a meeting with air defense officials, the top priority at present is ensuring safety conditions for reopening airports to enable their gradual return to operational cycles," Amirani told Tasnim news agency.

Amirani noted that Mehrabad Airport had declared readiness for a limited number of flights and that the national air traffic control center was fully prepared to provide services. He added that Kerman and Yazd airports had become operational from Wednesday based on issued NOTAMS, while the



reopening of other airports remained on the agenda, contingent upon necessary permits from the Civil Aviation Organization. On Saturday, Iran reopened the eastern section of its airspace for international overflights following a security and safety review, after a closure imposed during the Israeli-American aggression that began on February 28. Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport and Mehrabad Airport, as well as six other airports, have also resumed operations.

Russia to lift Iran flight ban

In a related development, Russia's Federal Air Transport Agency (Rosaviatsia) announced Monday that airlines would again be permitted to fly to Iran and sell tickets to and from the United Arab Emirates.

"Transit flights and direct flights to airports within Iran can now resume, provided that all guidelines from Iranian aviation authorities are carefully observed," Rosaviatsia said in a statement Monday, according to ISNA.

Russia had suspended flights to

the occupied Palestinian territories and Iran following the US-Israeli aggression against Iran in late February. Rosaviatsia had previously stated that Iranian airspace would remain closed until May 15 and had asked Russian airlines to halt ticket sales to the UAE until further notice.

The agency did not explain its policy shift on Monday, stating only that the decision to resume flights and ticket sales was made in coordination with Russian transport authorities and the Foreign Ministry. Following temporary ceasefire agreements in the Iran-Lebanon conflicts, Rosaviatsia announced Thursday that daily flights to and from the occupied Palestinian territories would be permitted at least until May 15.

Also on Monday, Qatari aviation authorities announced they would allow foreign airlines to land at their main airport near Doha.

According to a report by The Moscow Times, Rosaviatsia has asked Russian travelers to use alternative routes when flying to Persian Gulf countries such as Qatar.



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