

# Araghchi: US torpedoes diplomacy with 'reckless' military adventurism

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Iran's Foreign Minister warned on Friday that every time a diplomatic solution is placed on the table, the United States resorts to a reckless military adventure, questioning whether the move is a pressure tactic or a deceptive trap.

"Every time a diplomatic solution is on the table, the US opts for a reckless military adventure. Is it a crude pressure tactic? Or the result of a spoiler once again duping POTUS into another quagmire?" Abbas Araghchi wrote in a post on X.

"Whatever the causes, the outcome is the same: Iranians never bow to pressure and diplomacy is always the victim."

Furthermore, in response to a report regarding Iran's missile capabilities, the foreign minister asserted, "Also, the CIA is wrong. Our missile inventory and launcher capacity are not at 75% compared to Feb 28. The correct figure is 120%."

Araghchi concluded by emphasizing the nation's defensive posture, saying, "As for our readiness to defend our people: 1000%!"

The foreign minister's remarks came after the Bahman Pier on Iran's Qeshm Island was attacked late Thursday night during a

fierce exchange of fire between Iranian armed forces and hostile units operating near the Strait of Hormuz.

Portions of the commercial area at the vital Bahman pier on Qeshm Island were struck and partially damaged amid the confrontation. Several explosion sounds were also heard near the southern Iranian city of Bandar Abbas.

This came as Iranian soldiers responded decisively to hostile actions in the strategic waterway, forcing the aggressors to retreat after sustaining losses.

## 'Heavy slap': Iran responds to US attack on oil tankers

The Iranian Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the aggressive attacks by the terrorist US military forces against two Iranian oil tankers near the port of Jask and the Strait of Hormuz.

In a statement released on Friday, the Iranian Foreign Ministry emphasized that the powerful Armed Forces of the country gave a decisive and firm response to the US attacks against the two Iranian oil tankers.

The ministry said the attacks took place during the late hours of Thursday, adding that these attacks were met with a powerful response and a "heavy slap"



The satellite image by NASA FIRMS shows several fires across the Strait of Hormuz after US destroyers were struck by the Iranian Armed Forces on May 7, 2026.

by the powerful Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the aggressors failed to achieve their illegitimate objectives.

"These aggressive and provocative acts are not only a clear violation of the ceasefire understanding dated March 8, 2026, but also a blatant violation of Article 2, Paragraph 4 of the UN Charter and constitute an act of aggression under the Definition of Aggression Resolution No. 3314 of the United Nations General Assembly," it added.

"The continuation of aggressive actions along with contradictory behavior, vulgar rhetoric, and disgraceful blame-shifting by senior American officials indicates the increasing desperation and confusion of the US ruling establishment and their extreme inability to 'understand the problem' and 'find a reasonable solution' to escape their self-created quagmire," the Foreign Ministry stated.

The statement also warned about "the dangerous consequences of the United Nations' indifference and appeasement toward the



lawlessness and rogue behavior of the US ruling establishment."

## France underscores diplomacy in resolving Hormuz issue

In a phone conversation with President Masoud Pezeshkian, the president of France reiterated Paris's support for maintaining a

ceasefire framework and underscored the need to reopen the Strait of Hormuz through diplomatic mechanisms.

Emmanuel Macron acknowledged that measures such as the US maritime blockade and Israeli attacks in Lebanon constitute violations of the ceasefire.

Macron also reaffirmed Paris's

support for continued negotiations and diplomatic solutions, including efforts related to Iran's nuclear file.

The French president expressed readiness to help advance talks, contribute to sanctions relief and promote multilateral guarantees aimed at achieving lasting regional stability.

## Russia rejects US-Bahrain anti-Iran move at UNSC

### Tehran raps draft resolution as 'deeply flawed'



Vasily Nebenzya

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Russia's permanent representative to the United Nations adamantly dismissed on Thursday evening a US-backed anti-Iran resolution at the UN Security Council, stressing that the move was yet another unbalanced and confrontational attempt by Washington to isolate the Islamic Republic while

ignoring the real roots of the crisis in West Asia.

Vasily Nebenzya made the remarks during discussions on maritime security in the Persian Gulf, where the United States and its allies have been disrupting the natural flow of global energy exports through a so-called maritime blockade and unfairly targeting Iran's defensive measures in

the Strait of Hormuz.

"We reject any attempt to impose unbalanced narratives against Iran without considering the motives and root causes of the crisis," Nebenzya said, according to statements aligned with Russia's consistent position at the UN.

"We warn that the adoption of biased resolutions may trigger a new wave of tensions in the Middle East region."

The Russian diplomat stressed that true security for maritime navigation in the Persian Gulf cannot be achieved through one-sided condemnations or provocative measures.

"It is closely linked to ending ongoing conflicts and halting all military operations," a direct reference to the need for Washington and its partners to cease their escalatory actions that have disrupted shipping and heightened risks for all parties.

Nebenzya also urged all members of the UN Security Council to "avoid stoking tensions and to refrain from introducing resolutions based on confrontational approaches."

Iran has consistently maintained that its actions in the Persian Gulf are legitimate responses to foreign aggression and aimed at protecting its sovereignty and the vital waterway that serves global energy routes.

## Iran: US-Bahrain draft resolution 'deeply flawed'

Amir Saeid Irvani, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, also called on UN member states to reject the joint US-Bahrain draft resolution on the Strait of Hormuz, describing the text as "deeply flawed, one-sided, and politically motivated."

Irvani said the draft "deliberately advances a selective and distorted

narrative and therefore lacks the impartiality and credibility required for Security Council action." Irvani stressed that "the draft resolution also ignores the root cause of the current situation," which is the US-Israeli aggression on Iran.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General António Guterres, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, and Security Council members, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi denounced the draft for failing to address "the main cause of the current situation in the Strait of Hormuz, namely the military aggression and unlawful use of force by the United States and the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran."

"The current situation is directly and exclusively the result of their aggressive, unjustified, and unlawful war," Araghchi wrote. He added that the draft's real pur-

pose is "to distort the facts on the ground and justify past and ongoing unlawful actions by the United States against Iran in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz—a region thousands of miles from American shores."

The US and Israel initiated an unprovoked war of aggression against Iran since February 28 after assassinating Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei and several high-ranking military commanders.

A Pakistani-mediated ceasefire was brokered on April 8, but subsequent talks failed to turn into an agreement due to Washington's excessive demands.

Since the start of the war, Iran has imposed strict control over the Strait of Hormuz, blocking the passage of vessels belonging to the aggressors and those that supported the war.

## Armed Forces strike US vessels in swift retaliation for tanker attack

### IRGC Navy: US destroyers flee Hormuz after Iran's missile, drone barrage

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A spokesperson for the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters said on Thursday that Iranian forces gave an immediate and decisive response to a series of US military aggressions in the strategic waters of the Strait of Hormuz and along the country's southern coastline.

In a statement, Ebrahim Zolfaghari noted that the "aggressive, terrorist, and outlaw" US military, in violation of a ceasefire, targeted an Iranian oil tanker. The vessel was transiting from Iran's coastal waters in the Jask region, heading towards the Strait of Hormuz.

In a separate but simultaneous incident, another Iranian ship came under attack while entering the Strait of Hormuz, directly opposite the UAE's Fujairah port. Concurrent with these fresh acts of aggression, the spokesperson said that US forces, operating in coordination with

certain countries in the region, launched airstrikes against civilian areas in the coastal provinces.

These aerial attacks reportedly targeted locations along the coasts of Bandar Khamir, Sirik, and Qeshm Island.

According to the statement, Iran's response was immediate and decisive.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy said its forces inflicted significant damage on US naval assets in a large-scale combined operation on Thursday evening, forcing three American destroyers to flee the Strait of Hormuz.

In a statement, the commander of the IRGC Navy noted that the operation was launched in response to two provocative actions by the US military.

The first was a violation of the ceasefire involving an attack on an Iranian oil tanker near the port of Jask, which was followed by the approach of US Navy

destroyers toward the strategic Strait of Hormuz despite clear warnings against it. According to the commander, Iranian forces responded to the US military adventurism with "highly extensive and precise combined operation."

The retaliatory operation involved a variety of advanced weaponry, including anti-ship ballistic missiles, anti-ship cruise missiles, and destructive drones.

He added that the weapons were equipped with high-explosive warheads and were fired directly at the enemy destroyers.

The commander stated that intelligence monitoring conducted by Iranian forces has since confirmed "significant damage" to the American military assets as a result of the strike.

Facing the devastating and precise Iranian firepower, the IRGC Navy commander said, three aggressor enemy vessels "fled the Strait of Hormuz area immediately."



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