

Speaker: No alternative to Iran's 14-point peace proposal

Armed Forces ready to shock aggressors, Qalibaf warns

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Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said on Monday that the United States has "no alternative" but to accept Tehran's 14-point peace proposal, warning that any other approach would lead to repeated failure.

"There is no alternative but to accept the rights of the Iranian people as laid out in the 14-point proposal. Any other approach will be completely inconclusive; nothing but one failure after another", Qalibaf wrote in a post on X.

"The longer they drag their feet, the more American taxpayers will pay for it".

Iran's 14-point proposal includes the withdrawal of American forces from the region, removal of sanctions on Iran, reparations payments, end to fighting in Lebanon and a new method to govern the Strait of Hormuz.

The proposal has been submitted to the US through Pakistan,

which has been mediating talks. On Sunday, US President Donald Trump said, "I have just read the response from Iran's so-called 'Representatives.' I don't like it — TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" in a post on Truth Social.

Trump has repeatedly urged Iran to permanently dismantle its nuclear enrichment program — the issue that Iran always said will not negotiate on it.

Trump has threatened new aggression against Iran if Tehran does not accept the US proposal.

Ready for new confrontation

Qalibaf in a separate post on X said that Iran's armed forces are battle-ready to deliver a crushing, well-deserved response to any aggression, warning enemies that mistaken strategies will only bring them disastrous results.

"Our armed forces are ready to deliver a well-deserved response to any aggression; mis-

taken strategy and mistaken decisions will always lead to mistaken results. The whole world has already figured this out. We are prepared for all options; they will be surprised," Qalibaf said.

Ali Akbar Velayati, a top advisor to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, said on Monday that the US will never be able to win in diplomacy against Iran after it lost on the battlefield.

No victory for US

Velayati said that Trump is wrongly thinking that he could pressure Iran into a deal to conclude a war of aggression that came to a halt with a ceasefire in early April.

"We defeated you on the battlefield; never imagine that you will emerge victorious in diplomacy," said Velayati.

He referred to a recent social media post by Trump, in which the US president claimed Iran had underestimated and laughed at the US for decades,



Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf
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while repeating his threats against Iran and saying, "They will be laughing no longer!"

"Trump says 'Iran will no longer laugh' while boasting about a 'glorious ceasefire.' Yet he threatens Iran with nuclear innuendos as if he still believes the Pentagon's lies about hiding

the heavy casualties of American soldiers," said Velayati.

The former Iranian foreign minister also pointed to Trump's upcoming visit to China, where he is expected to repeat his claims about victory against Iran, saying the US president shouldn't exploit the calm and

restraint in Iran.

He said that Iran's response to the US-Israeli war of aggression, which involved attacks on various targets in the region and the establishment of new shipping rules in the Persian Gulf, had changed the geopolitical order in the region.

China part of Iran's political strategy to offset Western pressure: Envoy



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Iran's ambassador to China said Beijing plays a key role in Iran's political balancing strategy, as Tehran seeks to explain its position on security developments in the Strait of Hormuz.

In an interview with IRNA published on Tuesday, Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said China has worked to reduce tensions in West Asia following the US-Israeli aggression against Iran.

He said Beijing pursued this goal

through consultations with influential regional actors, a joint peace initiative with Pakistan that helped facilitate talks in Islamabad, and a four-point proposal by Chinese President Xi Jinping aimed at keeping the door to dialogue open and strengthening it. "In this framework, China is not merely an economic partner or an energy buyer for Iran; rather, it is regarded as part of Iran's political balancing strategy against pressure, threats, and unilateralism," he noted.

According to the envoy, Tehran's message to Beijing has been clear. "Iran's security measures are a reaction to threats and imposed war, not actions directed against legitimate trade or the interests of its strategic partners."

Rahmani Fazli said Iran fully recognizes that stability in the Strait of Hormuz is of vital importance to China, just as China understands that the roots of insecurity in the region lie in external pressure and intervention.

On this basis, he said cooperation between Tehran and Beijing could help shape a shared understand-

ing of energy security, one that seeks security through respect for Iran rather than pressure on it. He added that the Iran-China comprehensive strategic partnership gains particular significance at such critical moments.

The document, he said, is not limited to investment, oil, infrastructure, or trade, but reflects how Iran defines its position in a changing global order.

Rahmani Fazli said long-term cooperation with China provides Iran with diplomatic strategic depth, enabling Tehran to show that it has real options, important partners, and alternative capacities in the face of US pressure.

The envoy said the central issue for Tehran is whether the other side is prepared to hear Iran's real message.

That message is explicit, he said, adding that a permanent end to the war, consolidation of a lasting ceasefire, the lifting of blockades, and respect for Iran's legitimate rights.

China, he went on, can help convey this message at the level of major powers.

Tehran denounces US-backed UN resolution on Strait of Hormuz

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Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi in a statement condemned latest attempt by the United States to push a draft resolution through the UN Security Council on the Strait of Hormuz, describing it as a blatant effort to distort facts and shield the real aggressors. Gharibabadi in a statement posted on X on Monday night said the US, together with some of its regional allies, is once again trying to "shift the terms of the issue," turning the consequences of military aggression and an illegal siege into an indictment against Iran, the very country that has been the victim of threats, pressure and direct attacks.

"Freedom of navigation' is a respected legal principle, but it cannot be interpreted selectively, politically, and detached from the United Nations Charter," he wrote.

The senior Iranian diplomat stressed that any genuine initiative on maritime security in the region cannot possibly ignore the repeated resort to force, the imposition of a naval blockade, ongoing threats, and the direct role played by the United States and the Israeli regime in creating the current crisis, while pretending to act with neutrality or legal credibility.



Kazem Gharibabadi
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Gharibabadi made it clear that the core problem is not the passage of ships "in a vacuum." Rather, he said, certain governments are attempting to reframe the results of their own illegal actions in the language of so-called "international order."

"Such an approach contributes neither to de-escalation, nor to maritime security, nor to the credibility of multilateral mechanisms," he warned.

Gharibabadi's remarks come after Washington held closed-door talks with certain Persian Gulf states last week to promote its draft resolution.

The US text demands that Iran immediately halt what it calls "attacks" in the Strait of Hormuz and threatens Tehran with new sanctions and even the possible authorization of force if it refuses to comply.

FM spox: US offer rejected as Washington sought 'total surrender'

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Foreign Ministry's spokesman said Tehran dismissed a peace proposal submitted by the United States because Washington is seeking the Islamic Republic's "total surrender" rather than genuine negotiations.

In an interview with India Today Global, Esmail Baqaei said the US's approach in the negotiations is the imposition of its will instead of political dealings.

Baqaei said since the beginning of Iran-US negotiations brokered by Pakistan, Iran has emphasized an end to the US-Israeli aggression against the country, re-opening of the Strait of Hormuz and an end to what he called the US "piracy" before any discussions on Iran's nuclear

program can resume.

His remarks came as regional efforts are underway to end the ongoing tensions in the region, which have been caused by a weeks-long US-Israeli aggression against Iran that began on February 28.

On April 11-12, Iran and the US held the first round of negotiations brokered by Pakistan, days after Islamabad mediated a ceasefire to halt the aggression on Iran. However, it failed to produce an agreement due to the US excessive demands. Efforts to bring back the sides to the negotiating table also failed after Iran refused to take part in the second round due to the US violation of the ceasefire. However, the two countries have been exchanging proposals through mediator Pakistan to find a way out of the crisis

which has also disrupted global economy.

Iran submitted its response to the American side's proposed text earlier on Sunday.

But the US President rejected Tehran's response as "totally unacceptable". During his interview, Baqaei also underlined that responsibility for the closure of the Strait of Hormuz lies with the US, and that a naval blockade imposed by the US on Iran's ports constitutes an act of war under international law.

He said the strategic waterway was open before February 28, stressing that Iran was forced to close it after the US and Israel used territory belonging to Persian Gulf Arab states to launch attacks on Iran.



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