

Iran's military cautions US against fresh adventurism

Army warns to 'open new fronts' if strikes resume

International Desk

Iran's Armed Forces warned the United States against renewed strikes on Iran, with the Iranian Army saying it would "open new fronts" against the US after Donald Trump said he had instructed the US military to be prepared for a large-scale assault on Iran if an "acceptable deal is not reached."

"If the enemy is foolish enough to fall into the Zionist trap again and launches new aggression against our beloved Iran, we will open new fronts against it, with new equipment and new methods," said Army spokesman Mohammad Akraminia said on Tuesday.

Washington and Tehran have been swapping proposals in an effort to end the US-Israeli aggression against Iran, which broke out on February 28. The two sides have held a single round of talks so far amid a fragile ceasefire in place since April 8.

In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump said the leaders of Qatar, Saudi

Arabia and the United Arab Emirates had asked him "to hold off on our planned Military attack of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which was scheduled for tomorrow, in that serious negotiations are now taking place."

But Trump added he had instructed the US military to be "prepared to go forward with a full, large-scale assault of Iran, on a moment's notice, in the event that an acceptable Deal is not reached." Akraminia said his country had used the ceasefire as an opportunity "to strengthen its combat capabilities." The commander of Iran's highest operational command unit also said that any new act of aggression by the US or its allies will be met with overwhelming force, as the Islamic Republic stands stronger and more determined than ever to defend its sovereignty.

Major General Ali Abdollahi, commander of the Khatam al-Anbiya Headquarters, said that Iran and its battle-hardened Armed Forces are now more prepared and formidable than at any time in his-



Iranian Armed Forces' missiles are on display outside a military museum in Tehran, Iran.

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tory, with fingers firmly on the triggers, ready to protect the proud nation.

"We announce to America and its allies: Do not commit another strategic mistake or miscalculation," the commander said. "They must know that any renewed aggression or invasion by the enemies of our land and our proud nation will be met with a swift, decisive, powerful, and extensive response."

He warned that if the enemies dare to make another mistake, Iran will confront it with far greater power and capability than during the 40-day imposed war.

Mohsen Rezaei, a senior advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, also reacted to the Trump's remarks, saying that the iron fist of Iran's powerful Armed Forces and the resolute Iranian nation will compel the US to retreat and surrender.



In a post on X on Monday night, Mohsen Rezaei, former chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), ridiculed Washington's inconsistent and cowardly approach.

Rezaei wrote that Trump "sets a deadline for a military strike and then cancels

it himself, in the vain hope of forcing the Iranian nation and officials to surrender!"

"The iron fist of the powerful Armed Forces and the great Iranian nation will force them to retreat and surrender," he added.

Qatar says Iran-US talks require 'more time' to succeed

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Qatar said on Tuesday that US-Iran negotiations, mediated by Pakistan, required more time to reach a deal, a day after President Donald Trump said he had postponed planned attacks to give the process a chance.

"We are supportive of the diplomatic effort by Pakistan that has shown seriousness in bringing parties together and finding a solution, and we do believe it needs more time," Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said at a press conference.

Trump, who had indefinitely extended the truce and made clear he wanted to exit a war that has proved to be politically damaging, said on Monday he had prepared a new military attack for the following day after Iran rejected his outlines of a deal.

But on Monday, Trump said on social media that he had suspended the attack after the leaders of Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates asked him to give negotiations a chance.

"We want to protect the people of the region from being basic-



Majed al-Ansari
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ly the main losers of any escalation in the region," al-Ansari said. Since the ceasefire took hold on April 8, Tehran and Washington have held a single round of talks which failed to culminate in a deal.

However, the two sides have been exchanging proposals to resolve disagreements and end the war in the region.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Monday that the US has sent a set of "revised" points and considerations to Iran through mediator Pakistan despite publicly rejecting Tehran's 14-point peace proposal.

"After Iran sent its 14-point plan, the US side conveyed its considerations. We also presented our considerations in return. Although the American side publicly announced that this plan

was rejected, we received from the Pakistani mediator a set of revised points and considerations from their point of view," Esmail Baqaei said during his weekly press conference.

Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said on Tuesday that Tehran's latest peace proposal to the US involves ending hostilities on all fronts including Lebanon, the exit of US forces from areas close to Iran, and reparations for destruction caused by the US-Israeli war.

He added that Tehran also sought the lifting of sanctions, the release of frozen funds and an end to the US marine blockade on the country.

Trump said on Monday he had paused a planned resumption of attacks on Iran after Teheran sent a new peace proposal to Washington, and that there was now a "very good chance" of reaching a deal.

Speaking to reporters later on Monday, he said the United States would be satisfied if it could reach an agreement with Iran that prevented Tehran from what he claimed was obtaining a nuclear weapon.

Hormuz to remain under Iranian control as permanent asset: MP



National Desk

Chairman of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee Ebrahim Azizi said that the Strait of Hormuz would remain under Iran's control following its closure due to the US-Israeli aggression against Iran.

Speaking during an interview published on Tuesday, the Iranian parliamentarian described the vital waterway as Iran's permanent asset that would remain under the control and management of the Iranian nation.

Azizi warned countries seeking to project power in the chokepoint that Iran would pursue its legal rights in the waterway "with full strength" and "will show no leniency toward anyone" in this matter.

Referring to the strategic position of the Strait of Hormuz and its role in regional and extra-regional dynamics, the legislator said the waterway constituted a perma-

nent strategic position with an instrumental role in broader geopolitical equations. "We have tried during this period to act in line with proper management [tactics], while preserving our authority," he said. As a retaliatory measure, Iran shut down the corridor to enemies and their allies following the launch of the latest bout of American-Israeli aggression targeting the Islamic Republic.

It began applying stricter controls after US President Donald Trump announced continuation of an illegal naval blockade of Iranian vessels and ports on April 13.

On Saturday, Azizi announced in a post on X that Iran has devised a new mechanism to control maritime traffic through a "designated route" in the Strait of Hormuz, which includes charging fees for "the specialized services." Devising the mechanism, he added, is in line with Iran's national sovereignty and will guarantee international trade security.

Adding to his remarks made during the interview, the lawmaker stressed that the Strait of Hormuz was not merely a maritime transit route, but a "strategic achievement" for the Islamic Republic.

He described the strait as "a full-fledged economic, political, and military lever" that would forever remain under the management and control of the "courageous and powerful Iranian nation."

Tehran blasts Berlin's baseless claims as blatant hypocrisy



Esmail Baqaei
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Iran's Foreign Ministry strongly rejected "baseless and selective accusations" leveled by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz against the Islamic Republic regarding a mysterious failed explosion incident near a nuclear power plant in the United Arab Emirates.

In a post on X on Monday night, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail

Baqaei sharply criticized Merz for invoking international law and regional security only when it suits Western political interests, while turning a blind eye to clear acts of aggression against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities, Press TV reported.

"Mr. Friedrich Merz, hypocrisy becomes evident when a clear attack by the United States and the Zionist regime on Iran's nuclear facilities, which are under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency, is not only not condemned, but is effectively justified," Baqaei wrote.

"Yet, regarding an incident that was a false flag operation by the enemies of peace and regional harmony -- and even the UAE has not officially blamed Iran for it -- suddenly the language of 'international law' and 'regional secu-

urity' is invoked," he added.

The spokesperson said that any genuine concern for the safety of nuclear sites and the people of the region must be applied equally and without double standards.

"If an attack on nuclear facilities is considered a threat to the people of the region, this principle must apply equally to all countries, not only when it serves Western political interests," Baqaei stated.

Iranian officials have repeatedly warned that Western powers and the Israeli regime routinely apply international norms in a hypocritical manner, condemning incidents involving their adversaries while justifying or ignoring their own acts of sabotage and aggression against Iran's peaceful nuclear program.

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