

# FM spokesperson: Progress in US talks on many issues, but no imminent deal

## Trump says negotiations 'proceeding nicely'

### International Desk

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Monday that Tehran and Washington have reached conclusions on many topics, but this does not mean that an agreement is imminent to end the US-Israeli aggression against the Islamic Republic.

Speaking in his weekly press conference, Esmail Baqaei said the developments that made news in recent days are the result of several weeks of negotiations through the mediator Pakistan.

Baqaei said the main reason behind the current situation of negotiations is the "institutionalized instability in US decision-making" and the contradictory positions of US officials within the span of a few hours.

US President Donald Trump also gave similar signals on Monday, saying that peace negotiations are proceeding

"nicely."

However, he warned that if a deal is not reached, US attacks would resume on a scale "bigger and stronger than ever before."

"Negotiations with the Islamic Republic of Iran are proceeding nicely! It will only be a Great Deal for all or, no Deal at all - Back to the Battlefield and shooting, but bigger and stronger than ever before - And nobody wants that!" Trump wrote on Truth Social.

The deal under discussion reportedly involves a 60-day ceasefire extension, reopening the Strait of Hormuz and a plan for further negotiations over Iran's nuclear program.

During a televised interview on Saturday, Baqaei said the two sides were nearing a "a memorandum of understanding, a kind of framework agreement composed of 14 clauses," in "a trend toward rapprochement."

According to media reports, Wash-

ington has agreed to release part of Tehran's funds frozen abroad under international economic sanctions and to end its naval blockade of ships travelling to and from Iranian ports.

In exchange, "according to this draft, passage through the Strait of Hormuz would return to pre-war levels under Iranian management."

According to Fars News Agency, "Sanctions on oil, gas, petrochemicals and their derivatives would be temporarily lifted during the negotiation period so that Iran can freely sell its products".

The US and Israel launched wide-ranging strikes on Iran on February 28, sparking conflict across the Middle East. Iran responded by attacking Israel and US military bases in the Persian Gulf, and effectively closing the Strait of Hormuz, through which around 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas travels. The move sent oil prices soaring globally.



Shortly after a ceasefire was agreed in early April, the US established a blockade of Iranian ports which Trump says

will remain "in full force and effect until an agreement is reached, certified, and signed."

## Pezeshkian reiterates Iran's resolve not to yield to US maximalism

### National Desk

President Masoud Pezeshkian said Iran will not capitulate to US pressures and excessive demands, adding that the country's negotiators will ensure the full restoration of the nation's rights through the diplomatic process.

Speaking at a meeting with members of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Pezeshkian noted that after failing on the military front, the enemy has now concentrated its efforts on economic warfare.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will not surrender to excessive pressures and demands under any circumstances," he said.

On February 28, the United States and Israel initiated an unprovoked war against Iran with the assassination of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and several high-ranking military commanders.

In response, the Iranian Armed Forces carried out 100 waves of counter-attacks over 40 days, targeting US and Israeli military assets, which



President Masoud Pezeshkian (R) speaks during a meeting with members of the Chamber of Commerce in Tehran, Iran, on May 25, 2026. [president.ir](#)

resulted in significant damage. A Pakistani-mediated two-week ceasefire was brokered on April 8, enabling the ongoing negotiations in Islamabad.

The president added that despite the enemy's shift to economic warfare following its military failures, "the government and the private sector, through solidarity, cohesion, and joint cooperation, will successfully navigate this phase as well."

Pezeshkian praised the role of the private sector and economic actors in managing the country's sensitive situation, describing them as pioneers of the economic front in the enemy's comprehensive hybrid war. He said that maintaining market stability, preventing economic volatility,

and meeting the country's needs under wartime conditions have been made possible through the efforts, dedication, and effective presence of economic actors and producers.

"During the recent crisis, no noticeable shortage of goods or serious market disruption was observed," the president added.

Pezeshkian also held a separate meeting with representatives of the Tehran Guild Association and economic stakeholders.

Referring to the necessity of strengthening synergy among the government, guilds, and the private sector, the president noted, "Our belief is that if all economic pillars of the country come together and act with cohesion and coordination, the enemies will not be able to achieve their objectives in the realm of economic warfare."

## Qalibaf re-elected as Iranian Parliament speaker



Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf (L) prepares to vote in the election of the members of the Parliament's presiding board in Tehran, Iran, on May 25, 2026. [ICANA](#)

for the position of the parliament speaker.

Qalibaf managed to secure 235 of the 271 votes cast by lawmakers. Naqdali and Salari obtained 29 and seven votes, respectively.

Ali Nikzad with 143 votes and Hamidreza Haji Babaei with 100 votes were also reelected as deputy speakers.

Qalibaf has served as the speaker throughout the four years of the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament and the first two years of the 12<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

The Parliament's presiding board consists of 12 seats; one for the speaker, two for vice speakers, six for secretaries, and three for observers.

The Parliament also has 13 specialized committees, each with its own six-member presiding board comprising a chairperson, two deputy chairs, a spokesperson, and two secretaries.

Members of the presiding board are elected by a direct vote of all representatives. However, the presiding boards of the specialized committees are elected for a one-year term by members of each respective committee.

### National Desk

Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf was re-elected as the speaker of the Iranian Parliament for another year after securing the majority of the votes in the first in-person session of the parliament after the US-Israeli aggression.

The election for the Parliament's presiding board took place during the third annual session of the legislative body on Monday morning. The Parliament has not held a public session since the US and Israeli attack on March 30 last year. Qalibaf, Mohammad Taqi Naqdali, and Osman Salari had stood as candidates



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