

MPs put forward Hormuz control bill as Parl. convenes after four months

National Desk

Head of Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee Ebrahim Azizi said on Tuesday that parliament has formally introduced a bill to assert control over the Strait of Hormuz amid US escalations in the strategic waterway. Ebrahim Azizi announced the development in a post on X on Tuesday after Iran's Parliament convened its first public session in over four months on Monday. Azizi said that the bill's introduction coincided with the downing of US drones in the region. "Last night, coinciding with the destruction of American drones, the 'Strategic Action Plan for Ensuring Security and Sustainable Development of the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf'

was announced and received in the open session of Parliament," he said. The lawmaker asserted that Iran remains unwavering in its commitment to defending its "red lines," particularly regarding the management of the Strait of Hormuz, through which approximately one-fifth of global oil supplies pass. "This is the first step; subsequent measures are forthcoming," Azizi said, signaling that further actions could follow as Tehran seeks to reinforce its position on maritime security in the Persian Gulf. Iran has restricted transit through the Strait of Hormuz since the early days of the US-Israeli war of aggression that began on February 28 and came to a halt under a ceasefire in early April amid the Islamic Republic's brave resistance and successful retaliatory op-



Iranian Parliament holds its first open session in four months in Tehran, Iran on July 14, 2026.

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erations.

On June 17, Tehran and Washington signed the Pakistan-brokered Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), whose Article 5 places responsibility for reopening and managing the strait squarely in Iran's hands. However, US President Donald Trump has threatened to seize control over the strategic waterway, claiming Washington will "get paid a lot of money" for it. This is while Tehran has declared the Strait of Hormuz closed "until further notice" and at least until "the end of US interference in the region." Iran has repeatedly emphasized that



the waterway will never return to its pre-war conditions and that it will be

administered by the country in accordance with international law.

Iran's retaliatory attacks hit US bases in Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan

International Desk

Iran's Armed Forces continued their retaliatory attacks against US military on Tuesday, targeting American bases in Bahrain and Jordan in response to fresh strikes. The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said in a statement that it struck the headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, as well as American targets in Jordan with missiles in follow-up retaliation against continued American attacks. The IRGC said its Navy pounded several weapons depots, a satellite communications center, accommodation used by US troops, and several military radar systems in Bahrain. A Patriot radar system, the Fifth Fleet's air-control radar, and a C-RAM early warning radar system were also destroyed. In another statement, the IRGC announced ballistic missile strikes by the Aerospace Force against "a key facility and the location where the American enemy was stationed at an airbase" in Jordan. "This base had been used to launch attacks against us, and the American criminals have now been made



to pay for their actions," the Guards said. Two super oil tankers were also struck and disabled by the IRGC naval forces after attempting to navigate through a mined route in the Strait of Hormuz which has been closed again by Iran following US violations of a peace memorandum. According to the IRGC statement, the US government, which has repeatedly failed to learn from its defeats, once again tried to create chaos by inciting vessels to violate legal shipping lanes. The Iranian Army also delivered powerful blow to the US forces in the region on Monday. According to the Army, following repeated US mischief and aggression against the Iranian homeland, waves of Iranian kamikaze drones targeted critical infrastructure at US bases in Kuwait.

Communication systems, fuel storage tanks, Patriot air defense batteries, control towers, and ammunition depots of the American forces were struck and severely damaged.

US attacks on Iran

Iran's retaliatory attacks came after US forces launched new wave of attacks on Iranian southern cities for third successive night. According to Iranian media, explosions were heard throughout the night across the southern coast, including the port city of Bandar Abbas, Kish and Qeshm islands and the town of Jam in Bushehr Province. Family members of an Iranian park ranger were killed in a US airstrike in northern Hormozgan Province while four people were wounded in another US attack on the southwestern city of Omiyeh. American forces have deliberately targeted Iran's transportation infrastructure, fishing boats, cargo vessels, and meteorological facilities and buildings in recent days. More than 20 people have been killed since the new round of US attacks against Iran on the pretext of alleged Iran's attacks on ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

Tehran slams UK designation of IRGC as threat to national security



International Desk

Iranian Foreign Ministry in a statement on Tuesday denounced the British government's decision to designate the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) as a "threat under the United Kingdom's National Security Act," describing the move as an "unjustified and irresponsible" measure that violates international law. The Foreign Ministry said the decision contravened "the fundamental principles and rules of international law, including the principles of the sovereign equality of states and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries." It stressed that the IRGC was an integral component of the official Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic and, alongside the Iranian Army, was responsible for safeguarding the country's territorial integrity, national sovereignty, and national security. It also defended the force's regional role, saying its contributions to regional peace, security, and human dignity, particularly through its fight against the Daesh Takfiri terror group, were evident to all. According to the statement, Britain's decision to apply such a designation to an

official institution of a sovereign state is "a disgraceful and provocative act" that violates international law and the United Nations Charter.

The ministry added that the measure was particularly ill-timed given the current tensions in the West Asia region and criticized Britain's long history of interference in other countries' internal affairs.

The statement further said that the United Kingdom "has no moral standing to level accusations against others," reminding how the country had acted as "an accomplice and active participant" during the most recent bout of unprovoked American-Israeli military aggression against Iran.

Rejecting Britain's allegations against the IRGC, the ministry said it was "particularly ironic" that such claims had been used to try to justify the decision while the UK, itself, "hosts and supports terrorist and violent networks and groups."

Iran also warned that it reserves its rights under the UN Charter and international law to take reciprocal measures, adding that British authorities would bear responsibility for the political, legal, and diplomatic consequences of the decision. The Foreign Ministry also summoned the British ambassador to Tehran to protest the "baseless accusations".

The statement by the Foreign Ministry came after British Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood announced that the IRGC would be designated a "national security threat under new powers in the National Security (State Threats) Act," making support for the elite force a "criminal offence punishable by up to 14 years in prison." The proposed law is to be presented to parliament this week.

US Democrats call Trump's renewed war on Iran unconstitutional

Democratic members of the US Congress denounced any renewed war against Iran as unconstitutional, warning that President Donald Trump's repeated pursuit of an "unauthorized war" with the Islamic Republic would be an outright catastrophe. They sharply criticized Trump on Monday, accusing him of bypassing constitutional limits on presidential war powers, misleading the public about the status of military action against Iran, and attempting to continue the war without proper congressional authorization, Press TV reported. The criticism came after Trump formally notified Congress this weekend that the US is once again at war with Iran. Mike Levin, a Democratic member of the US House of Representatives from California, said Trump had formally notified Congress that hostilities with Iran had resumed, arguing that the president's decision to announce a renewed conflict while claiming unilateral authority over military action runs counter to the US Constitution. "No president has the right to claim

absolute and exclusive authority over war," Levin asserted, calling for an end to partisan divisions and urging Republicans to join Democrats in opposing the "idea of one individual unilaterally deciding on war and peace." New Mexico Democratic Representative Teresa Leger Fernández also condemned Trump's notification, saying the president cannot declare a war over on paper merely to avoid legal restrictions and then restart it whenever he chooses. "Enough is enough; the lies and endless wars must stop," Fernández stressed. She noted that after previously claiming the war had ended, Trump is now informing Congress that the US is once again at war with Iran while seeking another 60 days to start military actions without obtaining congressional approval. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer likewise denounced the renewed military offensive against Iran, writing on X that Trump "must comply" with votes passed by both the House and Senate "to remove our forces from harm's way and end this

war now." "Donald Trump's so-called 'understanding' with Iran fell apart faster than the ink could dry. The House and Senate both voted to remove our forces from harm's way and end this war now. Trump must comply. Enough is enough. End the war," he said. Schumer's remarks referred to a War Powers Resolution approved by both chambers of Congress in June, which instructed the president to withdraw US forces from military conflicts involving Iran. Speaking on the Senate floor, the Minority Leader also mocked Trump's notification to lawmakers, saying, "President Trump formally notified lawmakers that the nation is once again at war with Iran. Really? Thanks Donald, nobody seemed to know that, did they?" He further criticized the administration's handling of the war, saying, "Donald Trump's rinse-and-repeat approach to the Iran War isn't a strategy - it's a recipe for utter disaster. We keep moving backwards. Gas prices stay high, casualties increase, costs increase. It's incredible what a fiasco this war is."

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