

Iran says Oman's Hormuz proposal does not address its security concerns



Commercial vessels are anchored in the Strait of Hormuz as a small fishing boat sails in the foreground in southern Iran on July 27, 2026.

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Iran rejected an Omani proposal for joint control of the Strait of Hormuz, saying it does not address Tehran's security concerns, while warning the strategic waterway would remain closed unless Muscat accepts Iran's own proposal.

In an interview with state TV on Tuesday,

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said that Omani officials had proposed a plan under which 50% of the shipping route would be under Iran's control and the remaining 50% under Oman's control.

"We said this does not address Iran's concerns," he added.

The Iranian official said Tehran had instead

proposed that the inbound shipping route be placed entirely under Iran's control, while part of the outbound route should also fall under Iranian control.

"This scenario is final and Iran will accept no other formula. 'If they accept this, we will move on to the next stage,'" Gharibabadi said.

He said the Strait of Hormuz would remain closed if Oman rejected Iran's proposal and added that Tehran was prepared for a resumption of war.

The Strait of Hormuz, located between Iran and Oman, is one of the world's most critical maritime chokepoints, linking the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea. A significant share of global oil and liquefied natural gas exports passes through the narrow waterway, making any disruption a source of concern for international energy markets and global shipping.

Iran shut down the chokepoint to enemies and their allies after February 28, when the US and the Israeli regime began their latest bout of wholesale unprovoked aggression against the Islamic Republic.

It began exercising far stricter controls after US President Donald Trump announced continuation of an illegal naval blockade of Iranian vessels and ports in spite of a cease-

fire that the US president, himself, had declared on April 7.

Gharibabadi also said Iran does not recognize the southern shipping route which was opened by the US in violation of the terms of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding.

He said some countries, including parties that maintain contacts with Iran, have suggested that ships use the southern route at least until an understanding is reached. He stressed, however, that Iran "will not recognize this route even for one hour", arguing that the latest round of fighting had begun because ships had passed through the route's "illegal" passage.

New defensive capability

Gharibabadi also underlined that Iran's fixed policy is that the Strait of Hormuz will never return to its pre-war state.

"If the Strait of Hormuz returns to its pre-war status, our success in the war will not be complete," he said, adding that Iran has "discovered a new defensive capability" in the form of controlling Hormuz, which it views as an essential component of its national security.

The comments come as the United States launched a fresh wave of aggression against

Iran in July after violating terms of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding. The US forces targeted military and civilian infrastructure, including bridges, roads, ports, desalination plants and rail roads mainly in southern Iranian provinces. Iran also responded by pounding US military bases in regional countries.

Based on the understanding, safe transit in the Strait of Hormuz must be realized under Iranian arrangement, highlighted Gharibabadi.

He said Iran's adversaries have used a wide range of tools against the Islamic Republic over the years, including expanding military capabilities, supporting terrorist groups, carrying out operations against civilians, raising alleged human rights issues, and imposing sanctions.

He said that, just as Iran's enemies have developed multiple means to pressure the country, Tehran must also strengthen its own capabilities and instruments to defend the country and safeguard its national interests and security.

According to Gharibabadi, future arrangements governing the Strait of Hormuz will have long-term implications for Iran's national security and for assessments of the country's performance in the recent war.

Iran slams US-Saudi strikes on Iraq as attempt to widen regional war

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The Iranian Foreign Ministry strongly condemned deadly airstrikes by the United States and Saudi Arabia on Iraq, saying that the attacks were a blatant violation of Baghdad's sovereignty and a deliberate attempt by Washington and Israel to widen the regional war.

In a statement on Wednesday, the Foreign Ministry specifically highlighted the "criminal and anti-human" targeting of official state facilities and service stations dedicated to the millions of pilgrims participating in the sacred Arbaeen procession.

The ministry described the bombardment as a "blatant aggression against the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq" and a "flagrant violation of Article 2, Paragraph 4 of the UN Charter and fundamental rules of international law." It held the "warmongering US regime and its accomplices in the region" fully responsible for the dangerous consequences of these "criminal, inhumane, and provocative actions."

The joint airstrikes, launched in the early hours of Wednesday, targeted positions belonging to the Hashd al-Shaabi (Popular Mobilization Forces)



Security forces and emergency personnel work at the site of US-Saudi strikes that targeted a base belonging to Iraq's Hashed al-Shaabi forces north of Al-Miqdadiyah district in Iraq's Diyala Province on July 29, 2026.

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across several Iraqi provinces.

According to the Hashd al-Shaabi media office, the unprovoked aggression has so far resulted in the killing of at least 20 Iraqi people, including personnel and civilians, with 32 others wounded.

The resistance group said the strikes hit bases in seven provinces, including Baghdad, Nineveh in the north and Basra in the south, causing material damage as well.

It denounced the attacks as a "dangerous escalation" against an "official security institution".

The strikes came after Riyadh claimed its forces had intercepted drones targeting oil facilities, blaming resistance groups in Iraq. US Central Command and the Saudi Ministry of Defense said that the strikes were "precise" retaliations for drone attacks on American occupation forces and Saudi energy infrastructure.

Riyadh has repeatedly accused Iraqi resistance factions of targeting its petroleum facilities, without providing any evidence.

The Iraqi presidency denounced the strikes as "a blatant violation of Iraq's sovereignty".

The presidency, which did not name the United States and Saudi Arabia, said it "denounces the bombing that targeted the Hashed al-Shaabi bases and it considers it an unacceptable attack and a blatant violation of Iraq's sovereignty, targeting its official institutions".

It also said it rejects the use of Iraqi territory to launch attacks on neighboring countries.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ali Faleh Al-Zaidi also canceled his planned visit to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday.

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday claimed that the bombing had been coordinated with the authorities in Baghdad, Fox News reported.

IRGC hits US airbase in Jordan with ballistic missiles

Iran reaffirms right to defend itself against US-Israeli aggression

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The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) staged a retaliatory ballistic missile strike against an American airbase in Jordan in response to the US aggressive actions against Iran.

"As long as threats against the Islamic Republic continue and the unlawful and hostile actions of US forces against our interests persist, resistance will also continue," the IRGC said in a statement on Wednesday. "Threats by US officials and unlawful interference against our interests must come to an end."

The United States has perpetrated numerous violations against Iranian territory since April 7, when US President Donald Trump announced a unilateral ceasefire in the latest bout of wholesale American-Israeli aggression targeting the Islamic Republic.

The violations continued even after Washington and Tehran signed a Paki-



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stan-mediated memorandum of understanding last month, whose first clause had clearly mandated cessation of aggression on all fronts.

Iran's Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Gholamhossein Darzi warned that unlawful US aggression against Iran pose a serious threat to regional and international peace, reaffirming Tehran's right to self-defense.

Addressing the UN Security Council, Darzi said slammed Washington for violating the UN Charter and fundamental principles of international law through attacks on civilian infrastructure.

"The US has violated the

Charter of the United Nations... by deliberately targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, medical facilities, bridges and other essential infrastructure."

The envoy cited the attack on Minab school in southern Iran as "a tragic and undeniable example of war crimes," adding that senior US officials had publicly acknowledged the attacks. Calling on the Security Council not to tolerate impunity, the Iranian representative warned that "silence and impunity will only encourage the repetition of these crimes."

Concluding his remarks, the envoy reaffirmed that Iran's actions are rooted in self-defense under international law. "We reiterate that all Iran's measures are defensive, necessary and consistent with international law," he said. According to Iran's Health Ministry, at least 60 Iranians were killed in the new US aggression against Iran.

FM rejects Ukraine 'unintentional' claim over ship attack as 'unacceptable'

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Ukraine must accept responsibility for an "unlawful attack" on an Iranian commercial vessel in the Caspian Sea, rejecting Kiev's claim that the incident was unintentional after the Ukrainian president acknowledged responsibility.

Araghchi made the remarks during a phone conversation with EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas, as the two discussed the latest regional and international developments.

The Iranian foreign minister said that, given the Ukrainian president's "explicit statements" accepting responsibility for the attack on the Iranian commercial ship, claims that the strike had been accidental were "not acceptable." He said the "Ukrainian regime" must

"explicitly accept responsibility" for the "illegal and criminal act" that killed one Iranian citizen and wounded several others and damaged the their commercial vessel.

Araghchi also spoke by telephone with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, telling him that any attack on Iranian citizens or interests was unacceptable and insisting that all damages resulting from the incident must be fully compensated.

Deputy Speaker of Iran's Parliament Ali Nikzad on Sunday described Ukraine's attack as a "reckless action", saying that Kiev's move will not go unanswered.

Nikzad said that Iran will always exercise its legal right to defend its territorial integrity, warning that any location used as an origin for aggression against Iran will be a legitimate target for the country's armed forces.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Saturday that Kiev had carried out long-range strikes in the Caspian Sea against vessels involved in transporting military cargo involving Iran, as well as a warship.

Ukraine's intelligence services (SBU), for their part, claimed that drone attacks had been carried out against "cargo vessels under international sanctions that were used to transport military cargo between Iran and Russia".

Iran's Foreign Ministry summoned Ukraine's chargé d'affaires in Tehran to protest the "hostile and criminal" attack.

The ministry said in a statement that the attack reflected Kiev's continued "irrational and hostile approach" towards Iran, asserting that the Islamic Republic will defend its national interests.



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