

Iran approach is to resolve issues through negotiations: *Pezeshkian*

'US will achieve nothing via economic pressure'



President Masoud Pezeshkian delivers a speech at the 21st Shahid Rajaei Festival in Tehran on August 26, 2026.
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at the same time, we have stood firm against economic pressure as we have done so far, and we will continue to stand firm," Pezeshkian said during a meeting at the Central Bank of Iran. The Tuesday night meeting came after the US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent laid out plans for the "economic asphyxiation" of Iran, warning of dire consequences for countries that do not join the campaign. During the meeting, the president reviewed the latest monetary, foreign-exchange and financial indicators with Economy Minister Ali Madanizadeh,

Central Bank Governor Abdolnaser Hemmati and a group of prominent university economists.

He underlined that the United States would achieve nothing with its new round of sanctions. "With the measures that the government's economic sectors have foreseen, America will not achieve anything with economic pressure at this stage, just as it was unable to achieve anything in the war," Pezeshkian said.

"Just as America was unable to accomplish anything during the war, despite the bravery of the armed forces and the support and backing of the people, it will not be able to accomplish anything through economic pressure at this stage either," he said.

Economists at the meeting pre-

sented their views and proposals on how to confront trade barriers and manage the new economic conditions, as well as on financial and budgetary policies, monetary and foreign-exchange policies, trade and economic exchanges, management of enterprises and other related issues.

During a separate meeting on Wednesday, the Iranian president said that Iran has demonstrated its readiness and ability to fight when necessary, but stressed that war is not always the answer and that the country could overcome challenges through "prudence and thought."

"The people showed that if necessary, they will fight, they can and they will not back down; but war is not always the solution. We can get through

this path with prudence and thought," Pezeshkian said.

Pezeshkian described the recent memorandum of understanding signed with the US in Pakistan as a source of pride for the Islamic Republic of Iran, saying global assessments had identified Iran as the winner of the confrontation.

"In all global analyses, Iran has been recognized as the winner of this field," he said.

He said assessments around the world had predicted that Iran should have collapsed several times, but that the country had remained standing.

"All the analyses in the world were that Iran should have fallen several times, but we have stood firm with strength and, through solidarity, empathy and authority, we will continue on the path," he said.

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President Masoud Pezeshkian said the government's approach is to reach understanding and resolve issues through inter-

action and negotiations, while maintaining a firm position against economic pressure.

"Our approach is understanding and resolving issues through interaction and negotiation, but

Deputy FM details temporary Hormuz arrangement with Oman

International Desk

Iran's deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs detailed a temporary arrangement between the Islamic Republic and Oman concerning the Strait of Hormuz, while asserting that reopening of the waterway hinges on realization of Tehran's demands.

Remarking on Tuesday, Kazem Gharibabadi detailed the arrangement that he identified as tentative pending establishment of a "permanent route" during further negotiations between the two sides that are expected to take between 30 and 60 days.

Iran closed the chokepoint following the launch of the latest bout of unprovoked American-Israeli aggression against the country on February 28.

The Islamic Republic and the United States agreed on a 60-day reopening period as part of a Pakistan-mediated memorandum of understanding in June, but American violations forced Tehran to reestablish the closure.



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Tehran has conditioned reopening of the waterway on realization of a number of prerequisites, including cessation of American interference in regional maritime traffic.

According to Gharibabadi, under the arrangement involving Iran and Oman, the southern route of the Strait of Hormuz will be closed. As part of its violations of the MoU, the US would try to illegally escort vessels through the southern route that runs along the Omani coastline.

Oman has accepted the closure, the official said, adding that the move would be communicated to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Under the arrangement, "vessels

entering the Persian Gulf will use Iranian waters, while vessels leaving the Persian Gulf will use Omani territorial waters," the senior diplomat stated. "Vessels would pass through Iranian waters in both directions," he added.

He described the arrangement as functioning "like a two-way highway," with a total width of approximately seven nautical miles.

Gharibabadi stressed that the arrangement agreed with Oman does not mean that the Strait of Hormuz will be reopened immediately. He said the issue of the arrangement and the question of reopening the strait were separate matters.

The official underlined that the waterway will remain closed if Iran's requirements for its reopening are not met.

He said the demands include the complete lifting of the illegal economic blockade targeting the Islamic Republic, durable cessation of aggression on all fronts, including Lebanon, and clarification of the situation concerning the blockade of Yemen.

Envoy calls on countries to condemn US 'unilateral coercive measures'



Gholamhossein Darzi
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Iran called on governments to reject and condemn the extraterritorial application of US unilateral coercive measures, warning that Washington is seeking to force other states to subordinate their sovereign rights and lawful policies to its demands.

Gholamhossein Darzi, Iran's deputy UN ambassador, made the appeal at a Security Council session on conflict and food security, a day after the US Treasury announced a new campaign of "economic terrorism" against Iran.

Darzi said the latest measures, together with US actions against Iranian commercial shipping, amount to an effort to impose an economic blockade on Iran and sharply condemned Washington for using trade, food and energy as instruments of pressure, Press TV reported.

"We call on all states to reject and de-

nounce the extraterritorial application of unilateral coercive measures by the United States regime," Darzi said.

He referred to the measures announced on Aug. 24 by the US Treasury secretary as the "so-called Operation Economic Outcast," saying the "unlawful measures ... are seeking to impose an economic blockade on brave Iranian people".

He hit out at Washington for "weaponizing food, energy, trade and access to essential goods as instruments of pressure and warfare," and said they cannot be justified under the pretext of security or freedom of navigation.

The Iranian envoy said the US measures violate fundamental principles including sovereign equality, non-intervention and freedom of navigation, while also seeking to circumvent responsibilities entrusted to the Security Council under the UN Charter.

Darzi linked the economic campaign to a wider US maritime confrontation with Iran, saying Washington has demonstrated an "utter disregard for international law."

"The US maritime blockade of Iran, and attacks on Iranian commercial vessels in international waters constitute grave violations of Iran's sovereignty, freedom of navigation and international law of the sea," he said.

He cited a US Central Command statement from Aug. 12 saying American forces had redirected 59 commercial vessels, disabled three and boarded two.

Iranian strikes inflicted billions in damage to US intel assets

International Desk

Iranian missile and drone attacks have inflicted damage on US intelligence posts and surveillance hardware in the Middle East that is more extensive than any destruction America's spy agencies have endured and will cost billions of dollars to repair, according to four people with knowledge of the matter.

Since CIA was established in 1947, it has never experienced attacks on its facilities and equipment on a similar scale, the officials told NBC News, Iranian missiles and drones hit intelligence sites as well as conventional military targets, including a CIA office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and an intelligence center in Iraq's Sulaymaniyah Province.

Radar systems and other surveillance equipment were also struck, along with fixed electronic intelligence stations, satellite communications



The photo shows a US army radar of THAAD system destroyed in an Iranian attack in Jordan.
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The financial toll is enormous, with the American Enterprise Institute estimating that infrastructure repairs alone could exceed \$5 billion, excluding damaged equipment and weapons.

The US Department of War requested \$67 billion in emergency funding in late July, including \$18.2 billion to replenish Patriot, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), Standard Missile-6 (SM-6) and other advanced missiles.

The cost of the wider war has also been staggering, with Bloomberg reporting that the US fired 13,629 munitions at Iranian targets between February and April.



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