

US president will dream of wiping Iran off the map: *Pezeshkian*



Masoud Pezeshkian
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Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Sunday that the US president will dream of wiping out Iran, arguing that the Iranian people would over-

come the country's problems through strength and resolve.

Referring to the US president's threats of annihilating of Iranian people, Pezeshkian said for the US President Donald Trump human rights,

international law and humanitarian law are "baseless" issues.

But the Iranian people, he said, would overcome difficulties and restrictions and would take part in producing and building the country.

The president also praised the unity and cohesion that had taken shape among Iranians in opposition to their enemies.

The United States and Israel, which he described as "criminal", had not believed that the Iranian people would be able to remain steadfast despite existing economic problems, he said. Their expectation, according to the president, had been that the country would collapse from within.

Instead, he said, the war and attacks on various parts of Iran had pushed people to play a key role in defending the country.

The Iranian president returned to the country on Saturday night after taking part in the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Upon his arrival in Tehran, Pezeshki-

an said he made use of the UN session to expose the unprecedented crimes of the United States and Israel against the Iranian nation and the broader West Asia region.

He fiercely dismissed Trump's baseless accusations labeling Iran a "terrorist" state, exposing the profound hypocrisy of Washington and its regional proxy.

"The United States directs numerous assassinations across the globe and trains terrorists," Pezeshkian said.

"Israel is also a regime that, with the full backing of the US, assassinates individuals anywhere in the world, and then they have the audacity to claim they are fighting terrorism."

The president noted that Trump's own belligerent remarks at the summit fundamentally shifted Iran's diplomatic approach.

"These statements somewhat changed our way of thinking and our response. At the assembly, we defended Iran, our beliefs, and our convictions based on what we could," he explained.

Logic of negotiations

Addressing Western pressure to enter talks, Pezeshkian clarified Iran's pragmatic yet principled stance on diplomacy.

"They told us to come and talk to them, while they do not act upon what they have signed. If we talk, will they act?" he asked, highlighting the US history of breaching agreements.

"We engage in dialogue so the world does not think we fear negotiations or are unwilling to talk, nor do we want them to assume we are the source of instability," Pezeshkian explained. "We want to prove that the main source of instability in the region is the Americans and the Israelis. They do not abide by their writings and words, and they say something new every day." He firmly rejected the notion of capitulation, asserting that Iran makes no unreasonable demands.

"We only demand our rights within the framework of international laws and commitments, and we are not supposed to bow to their every demand," the president declared.

Iranian military captures second US underwater drone in Strait of Hormuz

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Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said on Sunday that its forces have seized an advanced American submarine drone in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

"Through a coordinated, complex operation involving intelligence oversight and electronic warfare, IRGC naval forces' personnel successfully captured an advanced unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) belonging to the terrorist US military," the IRGC naval forces said in a statement. They added that the drone was "operating in the Strait of Hormuz for espionage purposes", identifying the model as a Remus 600 autonomous underwater vehicle that was "now in the hands of the force's specialists for data recovery".



The screenshot shows a US Remus 600 autonomous underwater vehicle seized by Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in the Strait of Hormuz on September 27, 2026.

The IRGC Navy also reiterated its position that the Strait of Hormuz is closed, warning that it would continue to respond to "dangerous movements and unauthorized passage through the waterway." Earlier in September, the IRGC Navy announced it had successfully intercepted and captured a highly advanced, unmanned American underwater vehicle at the

entrance to the Strait of Hormuz.

The captured system was identified as a Dive-LD, an autonomous unmanned underwater vehicle developed by US defense technology company Anduril Industries and first delivered to the US Navy's Unmanned Undersea Vehicle Group 1 in 2025.

The latest capture comes amid a sharp escalation between Iran and the

United States over the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most strategically important maritime chokepoints.

Over the past decade, Iranian forces have successfully downed or captured numerous high-value US assets, including the RQ-170 Sentinel stealth drone, MQ-9 Reaper drones, and various underwater gliders and surface vessels in the Persian Gulf.

Army chief urges regional states to abandon reliance on external powers for security

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Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Army Major General Amir Hatami on Sunday urged Iran's neighbors to abandon their reliance on external powers and recognize the futility of Western security guarantees, stressing that the security of the region lies within the region itself.

"We cannot live in this region and be its owners for many years, while others come from elsewhere and exploit all of it," Amir Hatami said.

"As an Iranian soldier, I ask all neighbors and countries in the region to pay attention to this issue. You have seen that cooperation with America does not create security. The security of the region lies within the region itself and in the hands of the countries of the region," Hatami affirmed, highlighting the necessity of an indigenous, regional security architecture.

He also outlined the definitive prerequisite for lasting peace in West Asia, framing the expulsion of foreign military bases not just as a political aspiration, but as an impending reality.

"Security in the region will not occur except by the elimination and removal of America and the Zionist regime from the region, and this occurrence is not far off," he declared.

Hatami also issued a warning to region-



Amir Hatami
IRNA

al and global actors, declaring that any insecurity in West Asia will encompass the entire region.

He emphasized that true stability can only be achieved through the complete elimination of US and Israeli military presence, a shift he described as "not far off."

Addressing the current state of the ongoing US-Israeli war of aggression against Iran, Major General Hatami cautioned that the war has not yet concluded.

"The war is not over yet. We must remain prepared to deliver crushing blows to the enemy by the soldiers of dear Iran," he said, signaling the Iranian Armed Forces' continued offensive and defensive readiness.

The Army chief directed a specific appeal to Iran's neighbors, urging them to abandon their reliance on external powers and recognize the futility of Western security guarantees.

Iran tried every diplomatic avenue to reopen Strait of Hormuz: *Araghchi*

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No one can accuse the Islamic Republic of Iran of not having tried the diplomatic path in reopening the Strait of Hormuz, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said.

Speaking to Iranian journalists in New York on Saturday, Araghchi explained that the main focus of his and President Masoud Pezeshkian's meetings on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly was to explain and defend Iran's conditions for reopening the strategic waterway, Press TV reported.

"Tehran was required to clearly present the conditions set by Iran's National Security Council and defend the logic behind them," he remarked. Iran presented several proposals during the meetings and through



Abbas Araghchi
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interviews, with the proposals being passed to Washington by intermediaries, Araghchi revealed.

The foreign minister noted that "US President Donald Trump's messages have been contradictory" and maintained that "Iran would make its decision after receiving a clear response through the mediators."

Speaking to a reporter about the outlook amid Iran's proposals and initiatives and Trump's continued position, Araghchi said, "The outlook is clear for the Iranian people. Our people have demonstrated their power to the world in the military, diplomatic, and economic spheres and in confronting sanctions."

"There is no way forward other than a negotiated solution based on dignity and justice and ensuring the legitimate rights and demands of the Iranian people," he added.

US President Donald Trump said on Saturday that he has rejected an Iranian proposal to reopen the strait of Hormuz within a week and resume nuclear talks.

"They made a proposal but I reject it," the US president told reporters at the White House.



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