Iran ready for both war, diplomacy: *FM*

'Relations with neighbors Iran's top priority'


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Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi reiterated that just as Iran is fully prepared to defend itself decisively, it is also ready to engage in diplomacy and achieve a fair negotiated solution to end tensions between Tehran and Washington.

In an interview with IRNA in Turkmenistan's capital on Monday, the Iranian foreign minister underlined that Iran will not back down from its conditions for ending the current standoff, saying the outcome will depend entirely on the rationality of Washington.

He said the only way for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz is for the US to accept Iran's conditions, which include a permanent end to the aggression and the lifting of the blockade and sanctions against the country.

Iran has restricted cargo transit through the strategic waterway since early March, days after it was attacked by the US and Israel.

"We have presented our conditions and proposal, and everything depends on Washington's political wisdom. If they choose genuine diplomacy, we are ready to engage. But if they intend to deceive us and launch military operations, they will face a response more bitter and more severe than before," the minister said.

Araghchi said Iran has been holding "extremely intensive" consultations with representatives of Qatar and Pakistan as part of a regional mediation effort to end the war with the US.

Mediators continue pushing for a deal between Iran and the US to end the eight-month war between the two countries amid fears the conflict could reignite after midterm elections in the US.

In recent days, Iranian and Qatari officials have held several rounds of talks aimed at bringing the US and Iran back to the negotiating table.

'Ball in US court'

Iran's Parliament speaker also said on Tuesday that, "The ball is now in America's court to prevent a war".

Addressing an open session of the Parliament on Tuesday, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf warned that any potential enemy attack will trigger an "unpredictable" military and strategic response, saying Iran is prepared to confront any new aggression and will not limit its response to geographical boundaries.

The United States and its regional allies have learned from the two recent unprovoked wars against Iran that the era of excessive demands is over, the top legislator stated.

At the same time, Iran has delivered "a strong and rational" response to the US, Qalibaf noted, referring to the conditions the country has outlined through mediators for reopening the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

"The ball is now in America's court to prevent a war," he stated.

Relations with neighbors

Iranian foreign minister in his interview with IRNA also referred to the relations with neighboring countries, stressing that the main priority in the foreign policy of Iran is its neighbors, and in the context of recent developments, the importance of these relations has become more apparent than ever.

Iran's top diplomat also in a post on his X account emphasized that Iran has no animosity towards the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council member states.

"Our goal is to achieve new regional security arrangements that are formed by the countries of the region themselves and without the military presence of foreigners."

During the recent aggression by the US and Israel, Iran repeatedly targeted the US military bases in the Arab countries. The attacks caused tensions between Tehran and the Arab countries. However, Iran defended its attacks, saying that its neighboring Arab countries should not have permitted the US to launch attacks from their territories.

Tehran says has right to self-defense after US strikes on Qeshm Island

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Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said on Tuesday that Tehran reserved the right to self-defense following US attacks on Iran's Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran retains the right to legitimate self-defense until the military aggression has been completely and permanently brought to an end," Gharibabadi said according to ISNA.

The US strikes were reported by The Wall Street Journal, CNN, The New York Times and other outlets.

According to Tasnim News Agency, several powerful explosions were heard in the area of Bandar Lengeh in Qeshm Island.

Unnamed US officials cited by the outlets described the attacks as defensive in nature. They claimed that the strikes were in response to targeting a US drone by Iranian forces.

Asked if Israel was involved in the latest reported strikes, an Israeli military spokesperson told AFP, "No".

In another incident, three oil tankers


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caught fire after striking naval mines while navigating unauthorized routes in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s Navy said on Tuesday that the vessels had been rocked by explosions resulting in "massive fires" since the early hours of the day after switching off their navigation and identification systems and attempting to transit unauthorized routes through the strategic waterway. The IRGC forces also captured two more American MQM-170 reconnaissance drones in the skies south of Qeshm Island, bringing the total number of this type seized by its forces to four.

Major General Ali Abdollahi, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, also outlined a strategic framework for establishing sustainable peace and security in the Middle East, proposing a 'Hormuz mechanism' to replace the 'worn-out' US security architecture in the region.

In a message issued on the occasion of November 4 — the National Day of Fight against Global Arrogance — General Abdollahi emphasized that Iran is no longer merely managing crises, but is actively "architecting a new order" in the region.

"For us, military power is not the goal; it is a tool," Gen. Abdollahi stated. "Based on the realities and requirements of our time, our doctrine has transitioned from 'defense' to 'offensive initiative,' and from 'crisis management' to 'order-making.'" The reported Qeshm attack came just hours after US President Donald Trump signaled a deal with Iran "could happen", as US voters cast their ballots in midterms dominated by public dissatisfaction with the war and the inflation it has brought.

"Iran wants a settlement, as soon as possible," Trump claimed in a post on his Truth Social platform.

In case of nuclear strike, Iran's 'hands not tied': *Deputy FM*


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Iran's deputy foreign minister warned that in the event of a nuclear strike against Iran, the country's "hands are not tied," saying Tehran would naturally take the necessary measures in accordance with such circumstances.

"Iran would not simply stand by and limit itself to pursuing legal measures at the international level if nuclear weapons were used against the country," Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, Kazem Gharibabadi told reporters on Tuesday, Press TV reported.

The diplomat cautioned that any official threat by a nuclear-armed entity to use nuclear weapons against Iran would undermine the credibility of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

"If the head of state or a military or political official of a nuclear-armed country that is party to the treaty threatened to use such weapons, the NPT regime would no longer retain credibility," he stated.

According to Gharibabadi, this could encourage countries to take the necessary decisions to defend themselves by any means available, warning of the regional and global consequences of such threats.

He, however, noted that Tehran had so far received no official position from US officials regarding threats reported by some Western media outlets about the possible use of nuclear weapons against Iran.

Separately, he said Iran had activated available legal mechanisms to pursue the American-Israeli attacks that had targeted its nuclear facilities.

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