Conflict will not be resolved through military means, sanctions: *Araghchi*

'No plans for meeting between Rezaei, Vance'



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Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Tuesday that the conflict with Iran will not be resolved through military means, urging the United States to engage in diplomacy and address Iran's conditions.

"The conflict with Iran will not be resolved through military means, nor by intensifying sanctions," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told IRNA.

"The only solution is to adopt a language of respect, engage in diplomacy, and address Iran's demands and conditions – which were outlined in the two-day proposal and remain on the table."

Tehran has proposed reopening the Strait of Hormuz, which it has blockaded since the start of the war, within two days in return for Washington meeting a raft of conditions.

The conditions, first formally conveyed to Washington through Qatari and other regional mediators in September, center on ending hostilities on all fronts, the release of Iran's frozen assets, the complete lifting of the illegal naval blockade, the removal of economic and political sanctions, the withdrawal of US naval and air forces from the region, payment of war reparations, and an end to threats and insults.

US President Donald Trump, whose Republican party last week lost mid-term elections in part due to the war, said on Monday that there was "positive momentum" towards ending the conflict after meeting Qatar's prime minister at the White House.

In a post on social media, Trump reiterated that the US was "locked and loaded" but said further strikes were "quite unlikely" given that key US allies in the Persian Gulf "would prefer the status quo".

"We are seeing positive momentum toward an end to this conflict, and will ensure that America's interests are at all times protected," Trump said.

Diplomatic efforts, led by Qatar and Pakistan, are underway to find a resolution to the war, which broke out in late February when US-Israeli strikes killed Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Positive reactions

The Qatari Foreign Ministry said that Doha is "working tirelessly to end the uncertainty over the crisis between Washington and Tehran".

Ibrahim bin Sultan Al-Hashmi, director of the ministry's media and communication department, told a weekly news briefing that mediation efforts are ongoing and there are positive reactions from both sides of the crisis.

Iranian foreign minister also dismissed "baseless" media speculations about the possibility of a meeting between Iran's top security official and the US vice president, saying no such meeting is being planned.

The remarks came after certain foreign media outlets claimed that a meeting could take place between US Vice President JD Vance and Iran's Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, Mohsen Rezaei.

Rezaei himself stated in a post on the X platform that there were no plans for dialogue with the American side.

"The war on Iran has already wrecked the US government. But Washington flails like a desperate gambler. FOLD YOUR HAND. STOP manufacturing FAKE NEWS about imaginary talks. Stop denying the West Asian NEW ORDER. Time to SURRENDER to the seven conditions Iran has repeatedly set out," said Rezaei, the head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, in a post on X.

IRGC unveils new underground missile city

National Desk

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force unveiled a new underground missile city, displaying various ballistic and cruise missiles along with their launchers.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Ali Abdollahi and Commander of the IRGC Aerospace Force Brigadier General Majid Mousavi.

Addressing the ceremony, Abdollahi referred to the enemies' plots against Iran, saying that their goal was to destroy the Islamic Republic, but they failed to achieve it during recent acts of aggression. Therefore, Israel and the United States are the definitive losers in the field, he added.

Major General Abdullahi also emphasized: "Surprises will appear one after another in the future war."

A range of ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as their launch systems, were put on display at the facility.

The IRGC spokesman Brigadier General Hossein Mohebi had announced on Saturday that the IRGC would unveil a new underground missile facility.



Missiles are displayed during an unveiling ceremony of an underground missile city by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force in an undisclosed location in Iran on November 10, 2026.
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He said the IRGC's Aerospace Force has rapidly moved its missile and drone production lines from surface facilities to underground sites, going beyond underground storage complexes to establish "missile production cities" deep beneath the ground.

Mohebi said Iran's domestic expertise, vast territory and flexible production infrastructure would ensure that weapons manufacturing could continue even under heavy bombardment.

Iran has spent years developing underground missile storage and launch facilities, which it calls "missile cities," as part of efforts to protect its weapons from airstrikes.

Missile capabilities are among the main components of Iran's deterrence power. The development of related infrastructure, alongside the production and upgrading of missiles, plays a role in maintaining the country's defense readiness.

Iran slams Grossi's 'selective outrage' over attacks on nuclear facilities

International Desk

Iran's permanent mission to international organizations in Vienna sharply criticized Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Grossi for applying a clear double standard in his response to attacks on nuclear facilities.

In a statement posted on its X account on Monday, the Iranian mission noted that the phrase "STRONGLY CONDEMNS" is readily used in some cases but was never applied when Iran's safeguarded peaceful nuclear sites were bombed, Press TV reported.

The Iranian delegation highlighted Grossi's strong condemnation of a drone attack that killed a staff member at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

The mission wrote: "It is impressive that the phrase 'STRONGLY CONDEMNS' can be used by Grossi. But why is it not applied consistently in all situations?"

Referring to the June 2025 US and Israeli strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards, an act the Agency itself has described as unprecedented in its history, the statement continued: "When US and Israeli regime bombs struck Iran's safeguarded peaceful nuclear facilities… or the Iranian nuclear personnel were assassinated, they were never condemned. In those situations, DG apparently considered condemnation to fall outside his 'purview' and 'work'."

The mission described the disparity as "selective outrage," stating that it "isn't a pillar of nuclear safety and safeguards. It's a pillar of a résumé."

It added that "institutional duty is not optional" and that "professionalism requires consistency."

Earlier this month, Iran's Vienna mission had slammed the Grossi for repeatedly expressing concern over Iran's stockpile of uranium enriched to 60 percent while remaining silent on the illegal bombing of facilities that were under continuous IAEA safeguards.

Iranian officials have stressed that the Agency's own reports never recorded the diversion of even a single gram of nuclear material, and that the NPT sets no ceiling on enrichment levels.

Iran has long argued that the US-Israeli attacks, which also targeted nuclear scientists and personnel, constituted grave violations of the UN Charter, the IAEA Statute, and fundamental nuclear safety principles.

Tehran has repeatedly called on Grossi to fulfill his legal and professional obligations by condemning such acts, warning that selective silence undermines the credibility of the non-proliferation regime and the Agency's claimed impartiality.

GCC to set up military command headquarters in Kuwait

International Desk

The Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has agreed to set up an advanced headquarters for its Unified Military Command in Kuwait, with plans to station "appropriate" military forces there.

The announcement by the [P]GCC's General Secretariat on Tuesday followed a meeting of defense ministers from member states in Bahrain.

The group said in a statement that the leaders of the [P]GCC states consistently emphasize the necessity and importance of strengthening the Persian Gulf journey, enabling it to confront various challenges and threats, both present and future.



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Details about the headquarters and the number or type of troops expected to be deployed have yet to be disclosed. The [P]GCC consists of six United States-allied Persian Gulf Arab states: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Established at a summit in Kuwait in December 2013, the [P]GCC's Unified Military Command was designed to oversee joint military operations and enhance collective defense against threats to member states' territory, airspace, maritime areas and interests.

Most Persian Gulf Arab countries host major US military installations and were targeted in Iranian retaliatory attacks in the weeks after the US-Israel war on Iran began on February 28.

During the recent acts of aggression against Iran, some regional countries allowed the US to use their territories to launch attacks on Iran. Tehran had repeatedly warned the countries about the issue.

The aggression against Iran has disrupted air travel and shipping, and raised concerns over the security of the region's vital oil and gas exports.



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