Security chief says Iran's enriched nuclear materials will stay at home



The photo released on November 5, 2019 by the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, shows centrifuges in the Natanz uranium enrichment facility in central Iran.

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Iran will not allow "even an iota" its enriched nuclear materials to leave the country, top security official Mohsen Rezaei said in remarks published on Wednesday.

Rezaei, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, told Lebanon's Al Mayadeen television that Tehran had informed Russia it would keep the material inside the country and use it for domestic purposes, including designing nuclear-powered ships and submarines.

Russia has offered to hold Iran's enriched uranium on its territory as part of a possible nuclear agreement with Washington, but Tehran has rejected the proposal.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) estimated that Iran had 440.9 kg of uranium enriched to 60% before the US and Israeli attacks on Iranian nuclear sites in June 2025.

It is not clear how much of the stockpile survived the strikes. Iran has not allowed IAEA inspectors to return to the bombed sites to account for the material.

US President Donald Trump said after the June 2025 strikes on the Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan nuclear facilities that Iran's main enrichment sites had been "completely and totally obliterated".

Western countries have long accused Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons, an allegation Tehran denies. The stockpile and the future of Iran's enrichment programme remain central issues in efforts to resolve the dispute.

No meeting planned

Rezaei also rejected reports that he was due to meet US Vice President JD Vance in Qatar, describing the claims as "unfounded".

The reports followed comments by Ibrahim Kalin, head of Turkey's National Intelligence Organization, who said on November 9 that Vance and Rezaei were expected to meet in Doha the following week to look for solutions to end a war that the US and Israeli waged against Iran in late February.

Kalin described the proposed meeting as an opportunity to advance negotiations between Washington and Tehran. He said Turkey and other regional mediators were working on a seven-point framework that included lifting sanctions on Iran, releasing frozen Iranian assets and a commitment by Tehran not to pursue nuclear weapons. The proposal also called for renewed cooperation with the IAEA.

Iranian officials subsequently denied that a meeting had been arranged. Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi described the reports as baseless speculation, while a senior Iranian security official said Tehran would not negotiate with Washington until the United States took practical steps to meet its demands.

Rezaei told Al Mayadeen that US claims about continuing negotiations and a planned meeting in Qatar were "lies". He said the reports were intended to ease economic pressure and push oil prices lower.

Top general warns of deadlier response to any new US, Israeli attack

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Iran's top military commander Ali Abdollahi (L) and commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps' Aerospace Force Majid Mousavi inspect a new underground missile arsenal in an unknown location inside Iran on November 10, 2026.
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Iran's top military commander warned the United States and Israel on Wednesday that any fresh military action against the country would trigger a "far more devastating" response, as tensions remain high despite a pause in an all-out war and efforts to secure a diplomatic settlement.

Major General Ali Abdollahi, head of Iran's Armed Forces General Staff, also said any location that became a center of threat against the Islamic Republic would be directly targeted by Iranian forces through "asymmetric operations".

Abdollahi made the remarks in a message to Brigadier General Majid Mousavi, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps' Aerospace Force, marking the 15th anniversary of the martyrdom of Hassan Tehrani Moghaddam, one of the architects of Iran's missile program, Tasnim reported.

"The previous slaps were only the beginning, and in the event of any new miscalculation, far more devastating blows await them," Abdollahi said.

He described Iran's warning as "credible", saying it was backed by the country's military capabilities.

Abdollahi also said that Iran had moved its missile and drone production lines deep into underground tunnels, allowing it to continue manufacturing and upgrading weapons even under bombardment.

He mocked Western air defense systems for failing to intercept Iranian missiles and drones, and said the IRGC aerospace force had made significant progress toward military self-sufficiency.

The warning comes as US President Donald Trump has put off further military strikes against Iran for now, while insisting that a US naval blockade of Iranian ports, in force since mid-July, will remain in place and that American forces are ready to act if necessary.

Qatar has sought to mediate between Tehran and Washington, but the two sides have yet to reach an agreement to end a war the US and Israel launched against Iran.

Iran has called for an end to US attacks and the naval blockade as part of any deal to resume negotiations, while Washington has opposed some of Tehran's demands.

The war, which began with US and Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28, has also disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a key route for global oil and liquefied natural gas supplies.

Rubio repeating Pompeo's 'drivel' in forcing sanctions on Iran: *Araghchi*

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Marco Rubio *Mike Pompeo*

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has slammed US Secretary of State Marco Rubio over his remarks on the effectiveness of economic sanctions against Iran, saying Washington's policy is driven by "delusions" that have repeatedly led to failure.

In a post on X on Wednesday, Araghchi recalled similar remarks made eight years ago by then-US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who had said that Iranians would have to follow Washington's demands "if they want to eat."

"8 years ago a cartoon character like Pompeo said Iranians must follow White House diktat "if they want to eat"," he said, according to Press TV.

Araghchi added, "Today, Rubio—whose fellow Cubans are victims of the same policy—repeats that drivel. Forget about the inhumanity. It is the delusions that are producing failed US policy."

Rubio said on Tuesday that he saw no need to resume major military aggression against Iran, claiming that economic sanctions and other restrictions were proving highly effective.

"Eventually, you have to eat, you have to pay your own fighters, your own security forces," Rubio insisted, referring to the impact of US economic pressure on Iran.

Since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, successive US administrations have imposed waves of economic sanctions against Iran, repeatedly seeking to weaken the Islamic Republic, undermine its stability, and force it into submission.

Despite decades of escalating economic pressure, Washington has failed to achieve these objectives.

Instead, the repeated resort to economic coercion has exposed the failure of Washington's pressure strategy, with successive administrations continuing to impose new restrictions despite the inability of previous rounds to deliver their intended political outcomes.

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