IRAN NUKE DEAL

Moscow may gain key role as US talks progress

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Russia could play a key role in a deal on the future of Iran's nuclear programme, with Moscow being touted not only as a possible destination for Iran's stockpile of highly enriched uranium, but also as a possible arbiter of deal breaches.

Trump, who abandoned a 2015 nuclear pact between Tehran and world powers in 2018 during his first term, has threatened to attack Iran unless it reaches a new deal swiftly that would prevent it from developing a nuclear weapon.

Four hours of indirect talks between the US and Iran in Rome on Saturday, under the mediation of Oman, made significant progress, according to US officials. Further technical talks are due in Geneva this week, followed by another high-level diplomatic meeting next weekend in Oman, reports The Guardian.

Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, who was at the heart of the Rome talks, wants an agreement wrapped up within 60 days, but is likely to face resistance from Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, who believes the levels of distrust and the technical nature of the talks make such a swift agreement unlikely.

Meanwhile, Iranian media portray Tehran as holding a strong position after Saturday's nuclear talks with the United States, reports AFP.

"Iran's military might has forced America to negotiate," headlines the Kayhan newspaper, whose editorial line has long opposed any compromise or negotiations with the US.

"Americans need us and the credibility that negotiations with Iran give them," wrote the newspaper, still describing Trump as an "untrustworthy psychopath".

Supporters of the Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP) carry Nepal's national flag and shout slogans during a pro-monarchy protest, demanding the restoration of the monarchy and the status of a Hindu state in Kathmandu, Nepal, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Disarming Iran-backed Hezbollah 'delicate'

Says Lebanon president as two dead in Israeli strikes on the country's south

AFP, *Beirut*

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun said yesterday that disarming the Iran-backed Hezbollah group was a "delicate" matter whose implementation required the right circumstances, warning that forcing the issue could lead the country to ruin.

His remarks came as Lebanon's health ministry said two people were killed in Israeli strikes in the country's south, the latest such raids despite a ceasefire between Israel and the Lebanese militant group.

Restricting the bearing of arms to the state is "a sensitive, delicate issue that is fundamental to preserving civil peace" and requires due "consideration and responsibility", Aoun told reporters.

"We will implement" a state monopoly on bearing arms "but we have to wait for the circumstances" to allow this, he said, adding that "nobody is speaking to me about timing or pressure".

"Any controversial domestic issue in Lebanon can only be approached through conciliatory, non-confrontational dialogue and communication. If not, we will lead Lebanon to ruin," he added.

Hezbollah, long a dominant force in Lebanon, was left weakened by more than a year of hostilities with Israel, sparked by the Gaza war, including an Israeli ground incursion and two months of heavy bombardment that decimated the group's leadership.

On Friday, Hezbollah chief Naim Qassem said the group "will not let anyone disarm" it, as Washington presses Beirut to compel the movement to hand over its weapons.

Qassem said his group was ready for dialogue on a "defence strategy", "but not under the pressure of occupation" by Israel. Yesterday, Lebanon's health ministry said an "Israeli enemy strike on a vehicle in Kaouthariyet al-Saiyad", located inland between the southern cities of Sidon and Tyre, killed "one person" and wounded two others.

It later said a separate strike "on a house in Hula" killed one person.

Two killed in US strikes on Sanaa

Say Yemen's Houthi rebels

AFP, *Sanaa*

At least two people were killed in overnight US strikes in and around Yemen's capital Sanaa, media controlled by the Houthi rebels reported yesterday, in the latest such air raid.

The group's Al-Masirah channel, citing the rebels' health ministry, reported two deaths and 11 injured in the "US aggression on Sanaa, the capital, and the governorate".

The channel earlier said one person was killed in an air strike on the governorate's Bani Matar area, where a deadly US raid was reported a week ago.

Beyond Sanaa, the Houthis said yesterday that air strikes also hit Yemen's Marib and Amran provinces. Earlier this week, the rebel group said US strikes on the port of Ras Issa killed at least 80 people.

VENEZUELAN MIGRANTS

US SC intervenes to block Trump deportations

AFP, *Washington*

The US Supreme Court, in a dramatic nighttime intervention Saturday, blocked President Donald Trump's unprecedented use of an obscure law to deport Venezuelan migrants without due process.

The emergency ruling noted that two of the most conservative justices on the nine-member panel had dissented.

The order temporarily prevents the government from continuing to expel migrants under the 1798 Alien Enemies Act -- last used to round up Japanese-American citizens during World War II.

Trump invoked the law last month to deport Venezuelans to a notorious prison in El Salvador that holds thousands of that country's gangsters.

The court decision was triggered by imminent plans late Friday to expel dozens more Venezuelans under the act, meaning they would have been deported with next to no ability to hear evidence or challenge their cases.

The court said "the government is directed not to remove any member of the putative class of detainees from the United States until further order."

Trump justifies summary expulsions -- and the detention of people in El Salvador -- by insisting that he is cracking down on violent Venezuelan criminal gangs now classified by the US government as terrorists.

MURSHIDABAD VIOLENCE

Mamata accuses BJP-RSS of 'divisive politics'

HINDUSTAN TIMES ONLINE

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) of "using" Murshidabad violence to "play divisive politics".

In a "peace appeal" letter, she alleged that the BJP and its allies have "become very aggressive" in her state, accusing them of initiating "vicious false campaign" in the state.

Referring to the violence that erupted in the Murshidabad district amid the protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, Banerjee said "these forces are using the backdrop of an unfortunate incident that happened on provocation".

She alleged that the BJP and its allies were planning on playing "the divide and rule game", describing it as "sinister". The West Bengal CM assured that criminals involved in communal riots are being dealt with, while urging people to avoid mutual mistrust and distrust.

Further in her letter, she alleged, "They had originally planned to use Ram Navami day for playing with fire, but Ram Navami celebrations in West Bengal have been most peaceful. Then they tried to use some subsequent matters relating to agitations against the Waqf (Amendment) Act."

'Frustrated' by pace of Gaza ceasefire talks

Says Qatar's chief negotiator as another round of negotiations ended without a deal

AFP, *Doha*

Qatar's chief negotiator voiced frustration over talks for a truce in Gaza in an interview with AFP, a month after Israel resumed its strikes on the Palestinian territory and another round of negotiations ended without a deal.

"We're definitely frustrated by the slowness, sometimes, of the process in the negotiation. This is an urgent matter. There are lives at stake here if this military operation continues day by day," Mohammed Al-Khulaifi said on Friday.

Late on Thursday, Hamas signalled the group would not accept Israel's newest proposal for a 45-day ceasefire. Israel had wanted the release of 10 living hostages held by the Palestinian group, the group said.

"We've been working continuously in the last days to try to bring the parties together and revive the agreement that has been endorsed by the two sides," the Qatari minister of state said.

"And we will remain committed to this, in spite of the difficulties," he added.

During the long mediation process, Qatar has been the target of direct criticism from Israel and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

At least two of Netanyahu's aides are suspected of receiving payments from the Qatari government to promote Doha's interests in Israel, prompting an Israeli criminal probe. Qatar has dismissed the attacks as a "smear campaign".

Earlier in March, an investigation by Israel's domestic security agency attributed funds from the Gulf state to an increase in Hamas's military strength before the October 7 attack. Qatar has rebuffed the accusation as "false".

"We've been receiving those types of criticism and negative comments since the early times of our involvement," Al-Khulaifi said.

"Critiques without any context, such as the ones that we keep hearing from Netanyahu himself, are often just noise," he added.

Al-Khulaifi rejected recent remarks from Netanyahu to the US-based evangelical Christian channel Daystar that Qatar had promoted "anti-Americanism and anti-Zionism" on US college campuses.

"His claims about Qatar's educational partnerships have been repeatedly disproven. Everything we do is transparent," the Qatari official added.

Qatar, with Al-Khulaifi as its lead negotiator, has emerged as a facilitator in the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo that has flared in recent months, with the armed M23 group making a series of rapid gains in the country's resource-rich east.

Three dead as rain triggers landslides in India's J&K

NDTV ONLINE

Three people have died and the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in India, the lifeline of the Valley, has been shut after heavy rain caused landslides and triggered flash floods in the Union Territory yesterday.

Visuals show trucks stuck and vehicles submerged in the debris. Among the areas worst affected by the calamity is Ramban. Multiple trees have been uprooted, disrupting traffic movement, and power cuts have also been reported.

A sudden spell of strong winds and rain hit the area on Thursday and flash floods followed.

Parshottam Gupta, former Sarpanch of Sateni Panchayat in Udhampur, said the area has suffered extensive damage.

"I have inspected my Panchayat, and there were several trees uprooted. The traffic and electricity have been affected in the area. After 4-5 years, such strong winds have affected the area," he told ANI.

The weather department has said an active western disturbance caused the heavy rain and storm.

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"খেয়াঘাট/ পুকুর ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, জেলা পরিষদের সিদ্ধান্ত মোতাবেক চাঁদপুর জেলা পরিষদের মালিকানাধীন নিম্মোক্ত খেয়াঘাট আগামী ২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ বছরের জন্য (১লা জুলাই/২০২৫ হতে ৩০শে জুন/২০২৬ পর্যন্ত) এক বছর মেয়াদে এবং ০১টি পুকুর(তিন) বছর মেয়াদে (১লা জুলাই/২০২৫ হতে ৩০শে জুন/২০২৮ পর্যন্ত) ইজারা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে নির্ধারিত ফরমে মুখবন্ধ খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রের নির্ধারিত ফরম নিম্মোক্ত তারিখে নির্ধারিত মূল্যে (অফেরৎ যোগ্য) ক্রয় করা যাবে এবং দরপত্রে অংশ গ্রহণ করা যাবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি ও শর্তাবলী অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর হতে জানা যাবে।

"খেয়াঘাট সমূহের নাম"

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" তফসিল"

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" খেয়াঘাট/পুকুর শর্তাবলী"

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