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Iran, US snub negotiation to end war

Trump's Hormuz plan meets with cautious response from allies as Iran warns against 'wider war'

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The United States and Iran yesterday rejected talks to end the war, as Tehran warned other countries against getting involved after President Donald Trump urged world powers to send warships to escort oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz.

On the ground, the war continued with warring parties launching waves of strikes against each other, killing and wounding dozens.

In an interview with CBS's "Face the Nation", Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Iran was not interested in talks with the US, pushing back on Trump's stance that Tehran wants a deal to end the war.

"We have never asked for a ceasefire, and we have never asked even for negotiations," Araqchi said. "We are ready to defend ourselves for as long as it takes."

"We are stable and strong enough. We are only defending our people," said Araghchi. "We don't see any reason why we should talk with Americans, because we were talking with them when they decided to attack us."

Trump on Saturday said Iran wanted a deal, but that he was not prepared to make one on current terms, without giving further details.

Trump says negotiation terms 'not good enough'	Tehran says country strong, can outlast foes	Hormuz open for all, except foes: Iran
Iran Guards vow to 'pursue and kill' Netanyahu	'Gulf allowing US to launch attacks on Iran'	US energy secy predicts quick end to Iran war

He said he might, again, bomb targets on Iran's oil hub, Kharg Island, "just for fun".

"Iran wants to make a deal, and I don't want to make it because the terms aren't good enough yet," Trump told NBC News.

With crude oil prices hovering around \$100 a barrel, Trump administration officials later insisted that all signs point to a relatively quick end to the conflict.

"This conflict will certainly come to an end in the next few weeks -- could be sooner than that ... and we'll see a rebound in supplies and a pushing down of prices after that," US Energy Secretary Chris Wright told ABC's "This Week" program.

Earlier, the Iranian FM said Iran was ready to talk to countries that want to negotiate the passage of selected oil tankers through the key Strait of Hormuz export route.

On Friday, Araghchi told US media that the strait, which usually accounts for 20 per cent of global oil and gas exports, remained open to international shipping except for vessels from the US, Israel, and their allies.

"The Strait of Hormuz is open. It is only closed to the tankers and ships belonging to our enemies, to those who are attacking us and their allies. Others are free to pass," he said.

Tehran also sent a stern message to its Arab neighbours, telling them that the Islamic republic has what its foreign minister called "ample evidence" that US bases on their territories were being used to launch attacks.

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Residents walk past the rubble of buildings hit by an airstrike in Tehran yesterday. *Inset*, a woman picks up belongings inside a house that was damaged by a strike in Tehran. Iran yesterday warned countries against getting involved in its war with the United States and Israel, after President Donald Trump urged world powers to escort oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz choke-point in the Gulf.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Govt, opposition MPs spar over reform council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The opposition in parliament yesterday raised concerns over the delay in convening the Constitution Reform Council, while the treasury bench maintained that the president cannot summon a council session as the body has no constitutional existence.

The debate unfolded during an unscheduled discussion in the House on the final day of the deadline for President Mohammed Shahabuddin to convene the session, as stipulated in the July charter implementation order.

As the second sitting of the first parliamentary session begun at 11:00am, Leader of the Opposition and Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Shahiqur Rahman stood up to raise the issue. Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad said the opposition leader would be given the floor after the question-and-answer session.

Following the Q&A session, the speaker gave the floor to Shahiqur.

The opposition leader said this parliament, formed in the backdrop of the July uprising, did not come through a normal electoral process but through a presidential order issued on November 13, 2025.

Reading out a portion of the July National Charter (Constitution Reform) Implementation Order, 2025, he noted that under the order, a session of the Constitution Reform Council was to be convened within 30 days of the election results being published, following the same procedure used to convene the first session of parliament.

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Caretaker govt system restored automatically

Will take effect only after tenure of current parliament, says SC

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court has observed that the system of a non-party caretaker government (NPCG), led by the most recently retired chief justice, has automatically been restored in the constitution.

However, the system will come into effect only after the tenure of the current 13th parliament, according to the full text of the verdict uploaded to the Supreme Court's website yesterday.

The observation was made in the 74-page full verdict by a seven-member Appellate Division bench headed by the then chief justice, Syed Refaat Ahmed. The bench unanimously delivered the ruling after allowing two separate appeals and four review

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Why new US trade weapon a threat to Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new trade storm is gathering in Washington, and Bangladesh is directly in its path.

On March 11, the United States launched a sweeping investigation into 16 countries, from industrial giants like China and the European Union to developing exporters such as Bangladesh and Cambodia.

The official accusation? These countries are artificially propping up their industries, creating a "structural overcapacity" (essentially, making way too many products) that hurts American factories.

NEWS ANALYSIS

To understand why the US is suddenly targeting Bangladeshi export subsidies and even cement factories, we need to look at the calendar. Recently, the US Supreme Court struck down the legal tool the White House had been using to impose punitive tariffs on other countries. Then the Trump administration turned to a temporary measure to impose those tariffs, currently set at 10 percent globally. That measure will expire on July 27, which is why the US government revived an old legal tool known as Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. This

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