



"It is absolutely true that France which has not been consulted and is not part of this military offensive launched by the United States and Israel, is not taking part in it."

French President
Emmanuel Macron



"We receive messages from the American side, some direct and some through our friends... There are no grounds for negotiations."

Iran's FM
Abbas Araghchi



"The months ahead may not be easy... No government can promise to eliminate the pressures that this war is causing."

Australian PM
Anthony Albanese



"For us, it's the most significant disruption of supply chains that we have seen since Covid and the beginning of the war in Ukraine."

WFP's supply chain chief
Corinne Fleischer on ME war



Smoke rises from Kuwait International Airport after a reported drone strike yesterday. Kuwait's civil aviation authority said the facility was hit by an Iranian drone attack that caused "a large fire" at a fuel depot. *Inset*, Israeli security forces and first responders work at the scene of a strike in a residential area of Tel Aviv following an Iranian attack.

PHOTO: AFP



BORDER TENSION

Afghan-Pak hold talks in China

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan and Afghanistan are holding talks in China to end months of conflict, two officials from Islamabad told AFP yesterday.

The meeting in the northwestern city of Urumqi comes after Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar, travelled to Beijing on Tuesday to meet his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi.

The pair discussed Islamabad's role in trying to get the United States and Iran to the negotiating table, and set out a joint five-point plan for an end to the conflict.

Dar was due to return to Islamabad yesterday. China has sought to mediate in the escalating conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Pakistan says it is targeting extremists who have carried out cross-border attacks, but authorities in Kabul deny harbouring militants.

There was no immediate comment from Pakistan's foreign ministry and military when contacted by AFP, or from the Afghan government.

But a senior Pakistani security official said: "A delegation led by an official from Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs is in Urumqi to hold talks with the Afghan Taliban."

"The meeting is taking place at the request of our Chinese friends."

A second senior government official also confirmed the talks, adding: "The meeting is to set a base for full-scale dialogue."

The first official said Pakistan's demands from Afghanistan "remain unchanged", urging Kabul to "take verifiable action" against extremists and "end any support for the group".

US-ISRAELI STRIKES ON IRAN

Trump team's four goals keep changing

CNN ONLINE

The Trump administration keeps suggesting that the Iran war could wrap up soon. The reason? Because it's accomplishing its goals. "We are going to achieve our objectives in a matter of weeks, not months," Secretary of State Marco Rubio told ABC News on Monday.

But when it comes to precisely what those goals are, the administration has been remarkably inconsistent. Officials have regularly listed four objectives, but they've often changed depending upon the date and who's providing them.

At a briefing, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth described four objectives: destroy Iranian offensive missiles, destroy Iranian missile production, destroy their navy and other security infrastructure and they will never have nuclear weapons.

Those four more or less matched the things President Donald Trump mentioned in a video released the morning of the first strikes. But just hours after Hegseth's comments, Trump debuted an amended list at a Medal of Honor ceremony at the White House.

Numbers 3 and 4 were the same, but numbers 1 and 2 were merged into one goal — "destroying Iran's missile capabilities." And he added a new fourth goal concerning Iran's Middle East proxy groups like Hezbollah and the Houthis: "Ensuring that the Iranian regime cannot continue to arm, fund and direct terrorist armies outside of their borders."

Two days later, a similar split was seen. Rubio echoed Hegseth's list in a social media post. But shortly thereafter,

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt echoed Trump's amended list. She ran through four goals that again included neutralising the proxy threat, which Rubio hadn't mentioned.

And the split has largely continued along those lines, with Leavitt including the proxy threat but others like Hegseth and Rubio omitting it.

The initial goals suggested success would be achieved only if Iran had no missiles or ability to fire them, and if proxy groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon



and the Houthis in Yemen were cut off.

At a briefing on Tuesday morning, Hegseth pitched the war as different from other recent US wars, where he said the mission was ill defined. But that's exactly the sense the administration's public comments about this war have given.

It makes it very difficult to measure the success of war effort when administration can't even give a consistent list of four goals. And the fact that those goals have shifted so much probably won't calm the fears of Americans who don't seem to understand what this war is about.

US to exit Iran war soon, may return if needed

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airstrikes and missiles continuing to hit a wide range of targets across the Middle East.

Trump is set to address the nation at 9:00pm Wednesday (0100 GMT Thursday).

In an interview with Reuters, Trump said he would consider withdrawing the US from the Nato alliance in his speech.

Asked when the United States would consider the war over, Trump said: "I can't tell you exactly... we're going to be out pretty quickly."

US action had ensured Iran would not have nuclear arms, Trump said: "They won't have a nuclear weapon because they are incapable of that now, and then I'll leave, and I'll take everybody with me. And if we have to, we'll come back to do spot hits."

He is expected to reiterate a two-to-three-week timetable for ending the war in Iran during the address, a White House official later said.

The remarks underscored Washington's shifting and, at times, contradictory statements about a conflict that has killed thousands, spread across the region, and caused unprecedented energy disruption.

They also came at a time when the US is sending more troops to the region, sparking

fear of ground operations.

The New York Times also reported yesterday that the Pentagon was doubling its fleet of Air Force A-10 attack planes in the Middle East.

The Air Force is dispatching 18 A-10s to join roughly one dozen A-10s already in the region, the report said, citing US officials.

The slow-moving A-10 "Warthog" could be used to help US ground forces seize territory near Hormuz or Kharg Island, Iran's main oil hub in the northern Persian Gulf.

The planes have been stopping at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, a base in England, en route to the region, according to flight-tracking data and Pentagon officials.

Two security sources from Pakistan, which is mediating in the conflict, earlier told Reuters that Islamabad had proposed a temporary ceasefire to both sides but had not heard back from either.

Trump had signalled on Tuesday that he could wind down the war in two to three weeks even without a deal, while also scaling up threats to pull the US out of the Nato defence alliance if European states did not help stop Iran from threatening the waterway.

Meanwhile, International

Energy Agency head Fatih

Birol said the main issue so far from Iran's effective closure of Hormuz was the shortage of jet fuel and diesel.

"We are seeing that in Asia, but soon, I think, in April or May, it would come to Europe," Birol said in a podcast with Nicolai Tangen, head of Norway's sovereign wealth fund. The loss of oil in April would be twice that in March, he added.

Tehran has insisted there are no ongoing negotiations and that it has not responded to a reported 15-point proposal from Washington to end the war.

But Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said the Islamic republic had the "necessary will" to end the war, provided its enemies guaranteed it would not flare up again.

An Iranian official, Mehdi Tabatabai, said in a post on X that an important letter to the American people from Iran's president would be released "in a few hours".

With the status of diplomatic efforts uncertain, Iranian state television reported that Tehran was under attack yesterday, with explosions heard in the capital.

An AFP journalist said strikes hit an area near the former US embassy — transformed into a museum

known as the "Den of Spies" and a symbol of decades-long animosity between Tehran and Washington.

Strikes also hit steel complexes in central and southwest Iran, according to Iranian media, causing "significant damage and destruction".

The Israeli military confirmed it had carried out the strikes and said it had also intercepted an Iranian missile attack, which medics said wounded 14 people, including an 11-year-old girl.

Israel also said its air defences responded to a missile fired from Yemen — the third attack by Iran-backed Houthi rebels since they entered the war over the weekend.

Thousands of people have been killed across the region during the conflict, which has displaced millions more.

In Lebanon, seven people were killed in strikes around south Beirut, the health ministry said yesterday, while the Israeli military said it had killed Yousef Hashem, Hezbollah's top commander for Iraq military affairs.

Meanwhile, Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said the country's military would occupy a swathe of southern Lebanon even after the current war against Hezbollah ends.

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