

Trump says countries that supply weapons to Iran to face 50% US tariffs

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US President Donald Trump yesterday warned against supplying weapons to Iran, threatening immediate 50% US tariffs on any country that does so.

"A Country supplying Military Weapons to Iran will be immediately tarified, on any and all goods sold to the United States of America, 50%, effective immediately. There will be no exclusions or exemptions," Trump said on his Truth Social platform.

He also said in a separate post that his administration is "talking Tariff and Sanctions relief with Iran," several hours after he announced a temporary ceasefire with Tehran which had agreed to temporarily reopen the critical Strait of Hormuz.

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Iran Guards say have 'no trust' in US, 'finger on trigger'

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Iran's Revolutionary Guards warned on Tuesday that they had "no trust" in promises from the United States despite a two-week ceasefire deal, adding that their "finger was on the trigger".

"The Iranian nation's dedicated guards are listening to the orders of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, His Holiness Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, and their finger is on the trigger," read a statement on their Telegram channel.

Calling on Gulf countries to end their "cooperation" with the United States, the Guards added: "The enemy has always been deceitful, and we have no trust in its promises, and we will respond to every aggression at a greater level."

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What has the US said?

Trump said the ceasefire deal was a "total and complete victory" for Washington.

The US president said the agreement was reached after he spoke to leaders in Pakistan, which has played a key role in mediating the war launched by the US and Israel on February 28.

Trump also told AFP that Iran's enriched uranium would be "perfectly taken care of" under the two-week truce.

He has justified the war by

accusing Tehran of enriching uranium with the aim of building an atomic weapon, an assertion not backed by the UN nuclear watchdog and which Iran has denied.

The US in a previous plan to

end hostilities -- which Tehran did not agree to -- demanded Iran stop further enrichment, agree to limits on its missile program and cease support for militant groups in the region.

Those requirements have not been detailed in the latest truce.

Trump has been inconsistent in his conditions for ending fighting, regularly backtracking from headline demands.

Last month, the US leader said Iran's "unconditional surrender" would be the only acceptable outcome to end the war.



What has Israel agreed to?

Israel said it supported Trump's decision to suspend his bombing of Iran, but maintained the ceasefire "does not include Lebanon."

Yesterday, it renewed strikes on southern Lebanon despite the ceasefire, Lebanese state media reported.

Pakistan's Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif earlier claimed the truce deal covered "everywhere including Lebanon."

Israel has been battling Iran-backed Hezbollah since the group launched rocket fire at Israel in March. Israel's subsequent retaliation has led to more than 1,500 deaths, according to Lebanese authorities.

Uranium 'taken care of'

Trump insisted that the nuclear material would be covered by any peace deal.

"That will be perfectly taken care of, or I wouldn't have settled," Trump said, without giving any specifics about what would happen to the uranium.

Trump said that he believed China had played a role in get-

ting Iran to the negotiating table.

"I hear yes," Trump said when asked if Beijing was involved in getting key ally Tehran to negotiate on a truce.

The US president is due to travel to Beijing in mid-May to meet Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, in a crucial summit between the two superpowers.

Two-week Truce

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The US will suspend attacks on Iran for two weeks, and Tehran will in turn temporarily reopen the Strait of Hormuz, a vital global oil thoroughfare, according to Washington. Tehran agreed to the "COMPLETE, IMMEDIATE, and SAFE OPENING of the Strait of Hormuz," Trump said in a Truth Social post.

US military ready to resume attacks if ordered by President Donald Trump

The US military is prepared to resume attacks on Iran if ordered by President Donald Trump, the top US general said yesterday.

"Let us be clear, a ceasefire is a pause, and the joint force remains ready, if ordered or called upon," General Dan Caine told a press conference. US Secretary of Defense Pete

Hegseth also warned that "we stand ready in the background to ensure that Iran upholds" the terms of the truce agreed to on Tuesday.

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The United States and Iran agreed overnight from Tuesday to Wednesday to a two-week ceasefire, during which passage through the Strait of Hormuz "will be possible via coordination with Iran's Armed Forces"
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IRAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER ABBAS ARAGHCHI SAID ON X.

China helped get Iran to the negotiating table: Trump

US will help with 'traffic buildup' in Hormuz Strait

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said yesterday that the United States will help with traffic buildup in the Strait of Hormuz, hours after Washington and Tehran agreed to a truce.

Tehran later said it had agreed to safe passage in the Strait of Hormuz, a vital shipping route for oil which has been virtually paralysed for weeks by the Middle East war, pushing up prices for crude and related products worldwide.

"The United States of America will be helping with the traffic buildup in the Strait of Hormuz," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"There will be lots of positive action! Big money will be



made. Iran can start the reconstruction process."

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi had said hours earlier that safe passage through the Strait will be possible "via coordination with Iran's Armed Forces and with due consideration of technical limitations."

Trump said in his Truth Social post that the United States will be "loading up with

supplies of all kinds, and just 'hangin' around" in order to make sure that everything goes well. I feel confident that it will." The US president's tone contrasted starkly with his threat last week to bomb Iran "back to the Stone Ages."

"Just like we are experiencing in the U.S., this could be the Golden Age of the Middle East!!!" Trump wrote on Wednesday.

Ceasefire plan published by Iran not the one agreed by US: White House

● The statement adds to concerns over the fragility of the truce declared late Tuesday

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A US official said Wednesday that a 10-point ceasefire plan published by Iran is not the same set of conditions that were agreed to by the White House for pausing the war.

"The document being reported by media outlets is not the working framework," the senior official said on condition of anonymity.

The official gave no further comment, saying, "We're not going to negotiate in public out of respect for the process."

The statement adds to con-

cerns over the fragility of the truce declared late Tuesday -- hours before a deadline set by President Donald Trump for Iran to meet US demands or face what he called an end to its "whole civilization."

Trump had said in his declaration of a two-week truce for further negotiations that "we received a 10-point proposal from Iran, and believe it is a workable basis on which to negotiate."

Iranian state media then published a 10-point plan that notably included continued Iranian control over the strategic Strait of Hormuz, an end to international sanctions on the country, and "acceptance" of uranium enrichment.

These items would run contrary to Washington's public statements about what it wants Iran to do.