

Iran in a Week

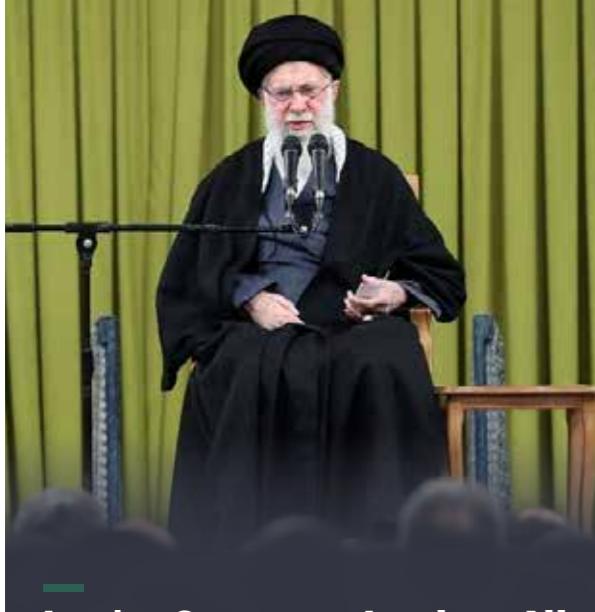
Mounting US military pressure and growing regional constraints are pushing Iran toward diplomacy as a strategic necessity. Statements by Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and President Masoud Pezeshkian indicate Tehran's awareness that its military capabilities cannot match the United States, secure its nuclear program or ease sanctions.

Continued US pressure, international mediation and Saudi and Emirati refusal to host US military action narrow Iran's options and make dialogue increasingly unavoidable. However, uncertainty surrounds the timing and format of talks due to US President Donald Trump's unpredictable approach and Iran's mixed experience with indirect

negotiations. Trump seeks a limited deal restricting Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for partial sanctions relief, aiming for political and security gains without war. Talks are likely to begin indirectly, mediated regionally and internationally amid ongoing maritime tensions and US deployments.

News

Politics:



Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei: "The Americans should know that if they start a war this time, it will be a regional war."



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi: "We will never negotiate over defensive issues."



Advisor to the Supreme Leader Mohammad Mokhber: "Security and stability in the region must either be for everyone—or for no one."



Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf: "Under the new law, the armies of European states are considered terrorist groups."



Iranian government Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei: "A decision on the fate of the enriched materials will be taken during the negotiation."



Deputy Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Bagheri Kani: "Iran's enriched nuclear materials will not be transferred to any country."

Security and Military:



Iran's General Staff of the Armed Forces: "Responsibility for the consequences of designating the IRGC as a terrorist organization rests with European politicians."



Iranian Army Spokesperson Mohammad Akrami-Nia: "US aircraft carriers are vulnerable when facing Iran's hypersonic missiles."



Army Commander Major General Amir Hatami: "Even Russia does not possess the experience we gained during the 12-Day War."



Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi: "The armed forces' doctrine has shifted to an offensive approach."

The Region and the World:



The European Union classifies the IRGC as a terrorist organization.



The US Department of State: The residency of the families of officials of the Iranian republic in the United States will be revoked.



Official statement by the UK government: Sanctions have been imposed on 11 officials and entities affiliated with the Islamic Republic.

Economy:



Forecasts by Iran's Central Bank and the Statistical Center of Iran indicate that the inflation rate is expected to exceed 50% in the coming months.



Iranian Minister of Economy Ali Madani-Zadeh: "The inflation rate will decline significantly in the coming months."



Iran's foreign trade over the past 10 months has declined by 11.36%.

Society and Culture:



Tehran Mayor Alireza Zakani: "By designating parking facilities as shelters, we aim to let people use them as havens in times of danger."



Political analyst Sadegh Zibakalam: "Even if a miracle occurs and prices fall, public discontent will persist because its causes are political and social."



Joint statement by a number of civil, cultural and political activists in Iran: "Khamenei is responsible for the killing of the Iranian people."

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