

# Iran in a Week

**US President Donald Trump is handling the supposed negotiations with Iran through a strategy of maximizing leverage before any deal. Ambiguity is deliberate, used to sustain pressure and test Tehran's limits rather than secure a swift agreement. Washington relies on military signaling and mixed**

**messages, while Iran seeks to absorb pressure without major concessions, maintaining its disruptive capacity. The Strait of Hormuz serves as a barometer of tensions: stability signals de-escalation, while threats or minor incidents reflect strain. Full closure remains unlikely, but controlled disruptions may raise**

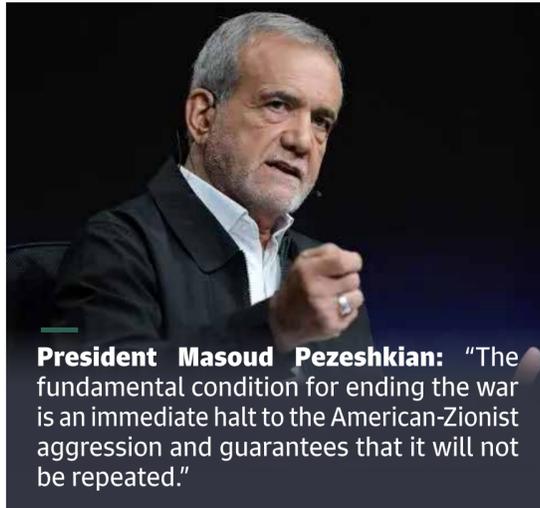
**costs without triggering military escalation. Four issues shape talks: a nuclear freeze for limited relief, flexible missile limits, managed proxy tensions and reversible sanctions. The likely outcome is an undeclared "shadow agreement" built on incremental, backchannel understandings.**

## News

### Politics:



**Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei:** "The card of closing the Strait of Hormuz must continue to be used."



**President Masoud Pezeshkian:** "The fundamental condition for ending the war is an immediate halt to the American-Zionist aggression and guarantees that it will not be repeated."



**Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf:** "No negotiations have taken place with the United States. The false reports aim to manipulate financial and oil markets and to escape the impasse that the United States and Israel have fallen into."



**Military adviser Mohsen Rezaei:** "The war will continue until compensation is paid for all losses, all economic sanctions are lifted, and guarantees are obtained that the United States will not interfere in Iran's affairs."



**Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi:** "If attacks on our infrastructure are repeated, there will be no restraint."



**President Pezeshkian's son and adviser Youssef Pezeshkian:** "If the United States and Israel use a nuclear bomb, this means that the use of nuclear weapons is permissible."

### Security and Military:



**Armed Forces Spokesman Abolfazl Shekarchi:** "From now on, there will be no safe tourism or leisure for our enemies anywhere in the world."



**Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Commander Ali Abdollahi:** "Trump should expect more surprises; one of them was the targeting of the advanced F-35 fighter jet, and they should await further surprises."



Iran's Supreme National Security Council Secretary Ali Larijani, Intelligence Minister Esmail Khatib and Basij forces Commander Gholam Reza Soleimani have been killed.



**Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Spokesperson Ebrahim Zolfaghari:** "The situation will not return to its normal course unless we decide so."



The Iranian Atomic Energy Organization reported a projectile landing near the Bushehr nuclear power plant, and another attack targeting the Natanz nuclear facility.



**Former Iranian Culture Minister Ali Jannati:** "The depth of Israel's penetration into executive, intelligence, security, and military institutions is extremely extensive."

### The Region and the World:



IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi stated that Iran's nuclear program cannot be eliminated through military attacks and that it is "extremely difficult" for US special forces to reach Iran's enriched uranium.



Lebanon has requested the Iranian ambassador to leave its territory.



**Former Crown Prince of Iran Reza Pahlavi:** "I ask President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu to continue targeting the regime and its apparatus of repression, while sparing the civilian infrastructure Iranians will need to rebuild our country."



The US State Department announced the establishment of a new office to counter threats from Iran and "other hostile forces."

### Economy:



**Kpler:** Iran has achieved potential profits of about \$8.7 billion, resulting solely from the increase in the prices of the volume of oil currently aboard tankers.



**Oil Ministry Spokesman Saman Ghodousi:** "At present, Iran essentially has no crude oil left floating at sea or surplus available for displaying in other markets."



**Head of the Iran-Iraq Chamber of Commerce Yahya Al-e Eshaq:** "Iran could generate annual revenues ranging between \$70 billion and \$80 billion from transit fees through the Strait of Hormuz if a 10% passage fee were imposed."



Washington has temporarily lifted oil sanctions on Iran for 30 days.

### Society and Culture:



The Public Relations Department of Iran's Ministry of Education announced the killing of 230 students and the destruction of 644 schools since the start of the war.



**Iranian Red Crescent Society Head Pir Hossein Kolivand:** "292 medical and relief centers have been damaged or destroyed, including hospitals, health centers, pharmacies, and Red Crescent branches."



The UAE has expelled 2,500 Iranian students from Iranian schools, and Iran's Ministry of Education says they will continue their studies in the Sultanate of Oman.