

Iran in a Week

Over the past week, Iran's new leadership appeared intent on projecting carefully calibrated messages regarding the new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei amid escalating tensions with the United States following Tehran's response to Washington and the reported anger of the US president. President Masoud Pezeshkian met the supreme leader

for roughly two and a half hours, prioritizing communication with the Iranian public. Separately, Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Commander Major General Ali Abdollahi briefed him on military operations, forces and equipment. Iranian media simultaneously emphasized the supreme leader's "perfect health and well-being" while

avoiding the release of images for security reasons. Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf warned of possible military threats while urging energy conservation. Meanwhile, Foreign Policy and National Security Committee Spokesperson Ebrahim Rezaei suggested that Parliament could discuss uranium enrichment to 90% if Iran faces another attack.

News

Politics:



President Masoud Pezeshkian: "Iran represents moral and responsible power, while its enemies embody irresponsible and unaccountable power."



Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi: "Our missile stockpile stands at 120%, and our defense readiness is at 1000%."



Ebrahim Rezaei: "Enrichment at the 90% level could be one of Iran's options in the event of another attack."



Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi: "We will respond firmly and swiftly to French and British vessels in the Strait of Hormuz."

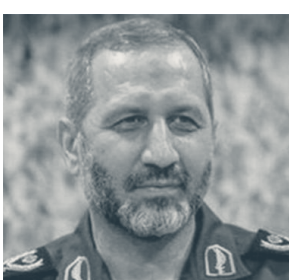


Iranian Ambassador to China Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli: "We support Xi Jinping's four-point plan for peace and regional stability."



Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei: "If the Americans are serious about diplomacy, they must seize this opportunity."

Security and Military:




Major General Majid Mousavi: "The Aerospace Force's missiles and drones are aimed at American targets in the region."



Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Spokesperson Ebrahim Zolfaghari: "The aggressor and terrorist American military violated the ceasefire by targeting an Iranian oil tanker."



Tasnim News Agency: Three American destroyers near the Strait of Hormuz were targeted by the Iranian navy.



Naby Commander Shahram Irani: "The light submarines manufactured in our country are carrying out deployment and seabed docking operations, with their fingers on the trigger."

The Region and the World:



The United States Department of Treasury has imposed new sanctions on the Iraqi deputy oil minister for selling oil on behalf of Iran.



Fox News, citing a US official: The US military attacked Iranian oil tankers that were attempting to breach the blockade.



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi: "The war waged against Iran is illegal, and we firmly support Iran."

Economy:



Spokesman and board member of the Iranian Pharmacists Association Hadi Ahmadi: "The government's shortage of foreign currency resources has driven medicine prices up by between 30% and 300%."



A report by the Statistical Office of Iran: Point-to-point inflation in the prices of some essential food commodities reached record highs in April 2026.




The International Monetary Fund: Iran's annual inflation rate reached a record 68.9%, making it the world's third-highest inflation rate after Venezuela and South Sudan.

Society and Culture:



Protocol Chief at the Iranian Presidency Abbas Mousavi: "Unfortunately, the level of reliance within our media circles on foreign media outlets affiliated with the Mossad and the Central Intelligence Agency is not insignificant."



Academic and political activist Sadegh Zibakalam: "There are many problems ravaging society, yet state television and the hardliners do not point to them at all."



NetBlocks: Iran has been experiencing an almost complete shutdown of the global internet for the 75th consecutive day.

Editorials

1  (Arman Melli Newspaper)

On the Importance of the Economy and Unity

The greatest pressure on people today is deteriorating economic and living standards, and the government's priority must be easing this burden. Prices and inflation continue to rise, purchasing power is shrinking and people increasingly feel poorer than before.

2  Jahan-e Sanat Newspaper


Need and Desire Versus Reality

Numerous figures have been proposed regarding potential revenues from the Strait of Hormuz, some closer to fantasy than reality. Hossein Shariatmadari stressed that Iran should not reopen the strait, claiming it could generate \$90 billion in revenues.

3  Iran Newspaper

The Language of Exclusion

Alongside external military threats, certain domestic rhetoric and behavior are alarming loyal citizens. Some individuals continue making divisive statements against groups or figures over issues such as hijab or political polarization.

4  Donya-ye Eghtesad

The Economy, Internet and National Security: Restricting Iranians' access to the global internet not only inflicts massive economic losses, but also undermines national cohesion, weakens social capital and ultimately harms national security.