

# Iran in a Week

Signs of renewed military escalation in the Middle East are emerging, with the focus shifting to the strategic Strait of Hormuz rather than Iran's nuclear or missile programs. Tensions are fueled by overlapping developments, including US President Donald Trump's temporary suspension of Operation Freedom, Iran's denial of missile and drone attacks on the UAE

and growing threats from Iranian military commanders. Statements from the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters stand out, with one official warning of action against US forces, while another said that "renewed clashes between Iran and America are possible." A spokesperson added, "If any action is taken against Iran from Emirati territory, our

response will be harsh and regrettable." Lawmakers also escalated rhetoric. Hossein Ali Haji Deligani claimed, "Iran possesses a missile capable of splitting into 80 pieces... What air defense system could intercept it?" Meanwhile, Hassan Nataj Salhadar stated, "We don't have a nuclear bomb... but if something happens... it will be for military purposes."

## News

### Politics:



**Deputy for international affairs at the Office of the Supreme Leader Mohseni Qomi:** "The key issue now is that everyone helps preserve the life of the supreme leader."



**President Masoud Pezeshkian:** "US officials must stop provocative statements and inciting actions to build Iran's trust."



**Deputy Parliament Speaker Ali Nikzad:** "The Strait of Hormuz is Iran's nuclear bomb."



**Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf:** "We know well the current situation is unsustainable for the United States; yet we have not even begun."



**MP Ali Khodrian:** "Yemeni forces recently trained to close the Bab al-Mandab Strait, and preparatory steps have been taken."



**Energy Committee member Malek Shariati:** "We have warned that if Iran is attacked again, you will have to say goodbye to the region's oil and gas for a long time."


### Security and Military:



**IRGC Commander-in-Chief General Ahmad Vahidi:** "The Strait of Hormuz will not be opened by a tweet from the US president."



**Iranian Army Commander Amir Hatami:** "US destroyers thought they could approach the Strait of Hormuz by turning off their radars as a trick."



The IRGC announced the deaths of 14 of its personnel while defusing unexploded ordnance from remnants of war.



Iranian Shahed-136 drones targeted camps and bases of Kurdish parties in Koya, Iraqi Kurdistan.

### The Region and the World:



TankerTrackers reported on Monday, May 4, that an Iranian LNG tanker passed through the US maritime blockade without any obstacles.

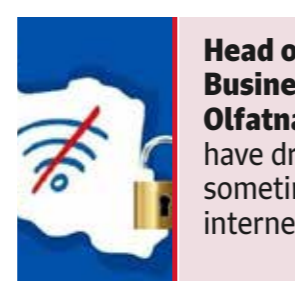


The US Treasury imposed sanctions on three Iranian exchange offices and their affiliated companies.



Pakistani sources report the resumption of passenger flights between the capitals of Iran and Pakistan after a 60-day suspension.

### Economy:



**Head of the Virtual Space Business Union Reza Olfatnasab:** "Online sales have dropped by 50% and sometimes to 0% due to internet outages."




**Chairman of the Iran-Iraq Joint Chamber of Commerce Yahya Al Eshaq:** "If we maintain control over the Strait of Hormuz for another 45 days, the entire global economy will be shaken."



Iran's dollar exchange rate hits a new record of 190,000 tomans.


### Society and Culture:



**Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Tehran Ali Reza Estekamati:** "Professors are lining up to access the internet."



**Special Assistant to the Interior Minister Brigadier General Mohammad Hassan Nami:** "Internet restrictions will be lifted after another month."



**Presidential Deputy for Women and Family Affairs Zahra Behrouz Azar:** "Women's applications account for about one-third of all unemployment insurance claims registered over the past 40 days."

## Editorials



1 Jahan-e Sanat Newspaper

### Continued Rise in Dollar and Targeted Sectors

The continued rise in the dollar is not surprising. Reaching around 190,000 tomans was expected. Israel deliberately targeted petrochemical and steel sectors, both key foreign-currency earners.



2 (Arman Melli Newspaper)

### Internet Shutdown for 65 Days and Policy Criticism

A 65-day internet shutdown is a flawed policy. Experience shows even senior Iranian figures were "martyred" under full internet cuts; such methods cannot strengthen national security today.



3 Fars News

### Unexploded Weapons and Technology Exchange Prospects

During the Ramadan war, many advanced enemy weapons failed or did not detonate and are now in Iran's possession. Iranian engineers are skilled in reverse engineering, enabling possible technology exchange with Russia and China through mutual production know-how.



4 Shargh

### Rising Prices and Growing Economic Pressure

Rising prices are increasingly pressuring citizens, with inflation worsening after the ceasefire. Government measures have failed to contain it, as inflation continues to rise. Comprehensive solutions are needed to move beyond the "neither war nor peace" situation.