

Iran fumes at US strikes, warns of consequences

Military says strikes on southern Iran targeted missile sites and mine-laying boats, calls action defensive and restrained despite ceasefire

DUBAI

IRAN on Tuesday denounced US strikes a day earlier as a sign of “bad faith and unreliability” as negotiations continue toward a possible deal to end the war. The US military has characterised Monday’s strikes in southern Iran as defensive, saying targets included missile launch sites and boats placing mines, and said the US acted with “restraint” in light of the weekslong ceasefire.

Iran’s foreign ministry called the strikes a ceasefire violation and warned that Washington would bear responsibility for “all consequences,” without details. “The Islamic Republic of Iran will leave no act of aggression unanswered,” it added in a statement. Iran’s Revolutionary Guard on Tuesday said it had shot down and deterred drones and a fighter jet that entered its airspace, according to Iran’s official Mizan news agency, which did not specify when

the incident occurred. It wasn’t immediately clear what the developments would mean for negotiations. The strikes came after Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf went to Qatar as part of the talks, which US President Donald Trump said Monday were “proceeding nicely.”

The strikes were the latest flare-up in the fragile ceasefire

that began April 7 and has largely held. Negotiations centred in part on the Strait of Hormuz, the crucial waterway off southern Iran through which a fifth of the world’s crude oil and natural gas passed before the war began with US-Israeli strikes in February. Tehran retaliated by effectively closing the strait, stranding hundreds of ships and shocking the global economy.

The UK Maritime Trade Operations Center said an explosion was reported on Tuesday morning aboard a tanker in the Gulf of Oman, which lies near the strait. No one was injured in the blast; there was no immediate information on the cause. Besides disrupting energy markets, the strait’s closure is also squeezing fertiliser supplies worldwide. The full impact might not become clear until harvests that are months away. UN Food and

Agriculture Organization Director-General Qu Dongyu, warned at an event in Rome Tuesday that “the decisions we make now will determine whether this remains a manageable shock or evolves into a deeper global food security crisis in 2026 and 2027 and beyond.” The strait has become a key leverage point for Tehran alongside its nuclear programme. Iran, in turn, wants the US to lift its blockade of Iranian ports imposed on April 17. AP

100 drones, missiles fired at Ukraine

KYIV

Russia fired more than 100 drones and two ballistic missiles at Ukraine overnight, the Ukrainian air force said Tuesday, as the country’s foreign ministry noted that Moscow’s recent threat to hit Kyiv especially hard from the air brought nothing new.

Russia on Monday urged foreign citizens, including members of diplomatic missions, to leave the Ukrainian capital as quickly as possible and told residents to steer clear of military and government facilities. It said that “systemic strikes” on Kyiv were being prepared. Russia has regularly bombarded Kyiv, often causing dozens of civilian casualties with every attack, since it launched an all-out invasion of neighboring Ukraine on February 24, 2022.

Russia’s Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told US Secretary of State Marco Rubio by phone Monday that the US should evacuate its diplomatic staff from Kyiv, a foreign ministry statement said. Rubio didn’t say whether the US State Department would take that step, but expressed concern during a trip to India that the “terrible” war in Ukraine could escalate further.

The Trump administration has tried for more than a year to stop the war. But its efforts yielded no significant breakthrough and are now on ice as Washington focuses on the Iran war. AP

Trump open to on-site destruction of uranium under IAEA supervision

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump said Iran’s enriched uranium can be turned and destroyed in the US, but his preference is for it to be destroyed “in place” or at “another acceptable location,” under the supervision of the IAEA.

Trump’s comment marks a shift in his repeated statements that Iran hand over its enriched uranium to the US as a sticking point of any potential deal.

“The Enriched Uranium (nuclear dust!) will either be immediately turned over to the United States to be brought home and destroyed or, preferably, in conjunction and coordination with the Islamic Republic of Iran, destroyed in place or, at another acceptable location, with the Atomic Energy Commission, or its equivalent, being witness to this process and event,” Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

On Monday, Trump said negotiations with Iran to end the war were progressing “nicely” and urged countries involved in the peace talks to sign on to the Abraham Accords, which deal with establishing diplomatic, economic and security ties between Israel and Arab nations.

He said it would be an

honour to have Iran as a signatory to the Accords. “... after all the work done by the United States to try and pull this very complex puzzle together, it should be mandatory that all of these Countries, at a minimum, simultaneously, sign onto the Abraham Accords,” Trump said, adding that it may be accepted if one or two have a reason for not doing so.

Among the negotiators, the UAE and Bahrain are already members of the Accords, and Trump expects Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Pakistan, Turkiye, Egypt and Jordan to sign up. On criticism of the possible deal with Iran from within the Republican party, Trump asserted that the draft under negotiation was the “exact opposite” of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) finalised under the then President Barack Obama.

“The deal with Iran will either be a great and meaningful one, or there will be no deal. It will be the exact opposite of the JCPOA disaster negotiated by the failed Obama Administration, which was a direct and open path to a Nuclear Weapon for Iran. No, I don’t do deals like that,” Trump said.

BEIRUT

ISRAEL’S military clashed with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group on Tuesday along a strategic river in Lebanon as Israeli troops tried to push farther north, just three days before Lebanese and Israeli military delegations are set to meet for direct talks in Washington.

A previously reached ceasefire appeared more nominal by the day, complicating efforts at a broader peace in the Iran war, as Tehran wants an end to the fighting to include Lebanon.

The Litani River has been a de facto boundary in Lebanon, with large areas to the south under Israeli military control despite the Washington-brokered ceasefire in place for over a month. The latest strikes and clashes came after Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin



A man walks between destroyed buildings that were hit in Israeli airstrikes in Burj al-Shemali village near the southern port city of Tyre | AP

Netanyahu said he had authorized more intensive strikes targeting Hezbollah across Lebanon.

Meanwhile, an Israeli security official said the military had called up an additional battalion to Lebanon, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

Israel’s military said it struck more than 100 Hezbollah sites across southern Lebanon and the eastern Bekaa Valley area overnight, saying it targeted storage facilities, command centers and observation points used to attack Israeli troops and residents in northern Israel. One strike hit the



OPPOSITION OUSTER

Police use water cannon to disperse supporters of Turkey’s main opposition Republican People’s Party (CHP) in Izmir, Turkey, during a rally in support of deposed party leader Ozgur Ozel. Ozel and the core leadership of the Republican People’s Party, or CHP, were removed from their posts on Thursday by a court order many consider politically motivated | AP

Pakistan delays Lahore street renaming move

LAHORE

PAKISTAN’S Punjab government has deferred its plan to restore original historical names of roads and several streets in Lahore to avert backlash from extremist elements, an official said on Tuesday.

The Lahore Heritage Areas Revival (LAHR), in its recently held meeting, jointly presided over by PML-N President and three-time former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and his daughter, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, gave approval to the restoration of original historical names of roads and streets in Lahore and its neighbourhood. The Chief Minister’s office informed the media about the decision in a statement.

Sharif, who is currently not active in politics after

the Feb 2024 general elections, is the head of the LAHR. The government, however, appears to have taken a U-turn on the decision, saying it is still considering restoring the original names of Lahore’s roads and streets.

“No such decision has been taken as yet,” Lahore Deputy Commissioner Capt R Muhammad Ali Ijaz told Dawn on Monday.

When asked that both Sharif and Maryam had given approval to the restoration of the original names of roads and streets, and the CM office duly issued a handout in this regard on March 20, Ijaz insisted that “no decision has been taken as yet as the matter is under discussion.”

An official said extremists criticised Maryam for restoring Hindu and Sikh street names in Lahore.

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No. of works: 2

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