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Iran willing to return to talks as ceasefire with Israel takes hold

June 26, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Iran said on Tuesday that it was ready to return to negotiations with the United States, as a fragile ceasefire in its war with Israel took hold after 12 days of strikes that pummeled the Islamic republic’s nuclear facilities.

But even as he appeared to express willingness to revisit nuclear talks derailed by Israel’s surprise attack, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said his country would continue to ‘assert its legitimate rights’ to the peaceful use of atomic power.

The United States on Sunday had joined Israel’s campaign with strikes on key nuclear sites.

After Iran retaliated with a missile attack Monday night targeting a US base in Qatar, President Donald Trump called for de-escalation, announcing the contours of a truce deal hours later...”

Khamenei boasts of ‘victory’ over Israel, claims US joined war out of fear

June 26, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Following the heavy blow Iran suffered during Operation Rising Lion, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei issued a public statement Thursday for the first time, boasting and claiming that his country had defeated Israel. In the statement, delivered after more than a week of absence from the public eye, Khamenei said: ‘I find it appropriate to congratulate the great Iranian nation, first and foremost, on the victory over the fake Zionist regime.’

‘With all the noise, with all the claims, the Zionist regime was nearly crushed under the blows of the Islamic Republic,’ the Supreme Leader asserted.

He further stated that the US only entered the conflict because it feared Israel would be destroyed, alleging, ‘The American regime entered the war directly because it felt that if it didn’t, the Zionist regime would be completely annihilated. Here too, Iran was victorious and in return delivered a harsh slap to America.’...”

Israel reportedly knows location of Iran’s enriched uranium stockpiles, Saudi outlet claims

June 25, 2025 jpost.com reported: “Saudi news outlet *Al Hadath* reported on Tuesday, citing an anonymous Israeli security source, that Israel ‘knows exactly’ where Iran is keeping its stockpiles of enriched uranium.

The official who spoke to *Al Hadath* further claimed that ‘most of the enriched uranium is buried under the rubble in Iran.’

The status of Iran’s stockpile of enriched uranium remained a matter of speculation among officials since Israel launched preemptive strikes, including on various Iranian nuclear facilities, in the 12-day war that began June 13. Such speculation continued following American strikes on Iran’s three main nuclear facilities: Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan.

Earlier this week, IDF Spokesperson Effie Defrin said the Israeli military is closely monitoring the possibility of Iran moving its enriched uranium from sites that are damaged or destroyed to other sites, in a response to a question asked during a press conference on Sunday...”

Iran ‘hiding thousands of centrifuges’ to build nuclear bomb

June 25, 2025 telegraph.co.uk reported: “Iran has hidden sites housing ‘hundreds if not thousands’ of advanced centrifuges capable of producing weapons-grade uranium, an expert on Iran’s nuclear programme said.

The regime also moved much of its highly enriched uranium to a secret location before the US was able to bomb the Islamic republic’s three known nuclear facilities, they added.



Iranian Advanced Centrifuges

It means Tehran could have all the capabilities to build a nuclear bomb, said Sima Shine, an expert on Iran's nuclear programme who has worked within the Israeli military establishment for more than 30 years.

'I'm sure they have a hidden place somewhere with some hundreds, if not thousands of centrifuge[s] and they have material all there in several places all over Iran,' Ms Shine told The Telegraph. She added: 'They cannot do anything now, tomorrow, but in the future, they have all the capabilities [to build a bomb]' ..."

China helpless as Middle East war craters regional leverage

June 24, 2025 spacewar.com reported: "China has been able to do little more than stand back and watch as war between its key partner Iran and Israel harms its hard-fought leverage in the Middle East, analysts say.

Beijing has sought to frame itself as a mediator in the region, facilitating a 2023 rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran and portraying itself as a more neutral actor in the Israel-Palestinian conflict than its rival the United States.

And its position as the largest purchaser of Iranian oil has served as a crucial lifeline for Tehran as its economy is battered by crippling international sanctions. But as Israel and Iran engaged in an unprecedented exchange of attacks and the United States struck key targets on Iranian soil in the past week, Beijing has offered little beyond calls for de-escalation.

'Beijing has offered Tehran no real help — just rhetoric that paints China as the principled alternative while it stays safely on the sidelines,' Craig Singleton, senior China fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies think tank, told AFP. China, he said, 'sticks to rhetoric — condemnations, UN statements, talk of 'dialogue' — because over-promising and under-delivering would spotlight its power-projection limits'.

'The result is a conspicuously thin response that underscores how little real heft China brings to Iran when the shooting starts.' ..."

Nations prepared to arm Iran with nuclear warheads after US strikes, Russia's Medvedev claims

June 23, 2025 jpost.com reported: "A "number of countries" are ready to supply Iran with nuclear warheads following American strikes on nuclear facilities early on Sunday, Russian ex-president Dmitry Medvedev claimed on social media.

In a post on X/Twitter, Medvedev suggested that the United States' attacks on three sites in Isfahan, Natanz, and Fordow backfired, and led to the opposite result from what US President Donald Trump had set out to achieve. According to Medvedev, "enrichment of nuclear material — and, now we can say it outright, the future production of nuclear weapons — will continue."



*. Dmitry Medvedev
Former Russian President*

Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Sunday that Russia strongly condemns the U.S. attacks on Iran's nuclear sites.

"The irresponsible decision to subject the territory of a sovereign state to missile and bomb attacks, whatever the arguments it may be presented with, flagrantly violates international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council," the ministry said in its statement..."

Unprecedented strikes against Iranian regime targets

June 23, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: "Defense Minister Israel Katz addressed Israel's strong response to missile barrages directed at Israel Monday morning, emphasizing that the Israeli Air Force is currently targeting regime sites in Tehran.

'The IDF is now striking with unprecedented force at regime and suppression entities deep in Tehran,' Katz said. 'At the command center, I watched the impressive performance of the Air Force closely, along with the Chief of Staff. Soon, images will be released illustrating the depth of the damage.'

'For every missile fired at the Israeli home front, the Iranian dictator will be severely punished, and the strikes will continue with full force. We will keep working to protect the home front and defeat the enemy until we achieve all our war objectives,' he added..."

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