

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Trump expects Iran talks this week, despite rejecting the proposal

- In a phone interview with Axios published Sunday, President Trump said he expects U.S. negotiators to hold more talks with Iran this week, one day after rejecting Tehran's seven-day proposal. — [CNN](#)
- Trump told Axios the Iranian offer was "not the deal that I want to make" but "what we would have maybe agreed to a year ago," adding that Tehran had "overplayed their hand." — [CNN](#)
- Asked whether he has considered resuming strikes against Iran, Trump said, "I am always thinking about it," stopping short of committing to any specific attack. — [CNN](#)
- Axios, citing sources familiar with the matter, reported that indirect talks between Washington and Tehran could begin as early as Monday, with Qatari mediators continuing shuttle diplomacy. — [CNN](#)

Waltz: Iran was not negotiating in good faith

- UN Ambassador Mike Waltz told CNN's State of the Union on Sunday that Trump rejected the proposal because Iran was "asking for everything up front with a promise that they would then talk." — [CNN](#)
- On NBC's Meet the Press, Waltz dismissed the offer as "a pretty cynical attempt to put something on the table that they knew was unacceptable." — [CNN](#)
- Waltz raised a standing U.S. concern about who the Iranian negotiators speak for, asking: "Who's calling the shots in Iran right now? Is it the IRGC? Is it the president? Is it the foreign minister?" — [CNN](#)

Araghchi: Iran still waiting on mediators' definitive U.S. response

- Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Sunday that Tehran has received no official U.S. response through the mediators: "We saw the first reaction from the US president, but nothing has been conveyed to us from the mediators yet." — [CNN](#)
- Araghchi described the seven-day terms as "nothing more" than what was in the June U.S.–Iran Memorandum of Understanding, and said "the choice now rests with the United States." — [CNN](#)
- The foreign minister brushed off the president's mixed signals, saying "the US president has also said many good things and also many contradictory things, which unfortunately we hear a lot from him." — [CNN](#)

Iran's army warns it is ready for a renewed U.S. attack

- An Iranian army spokesperson said Sunday the armed forces are fully prepared for any renewed U.S. attack and warned Washington would suffer greater damage if it launched another strike. — [Reuters](#)
- Army commander-in-chief Amir Hatami called the war a "critical and decisive stage" and declared: "If Iran cannot trade, if Iran cannot live, no one will be able to trade or live. The Strait of Hormuz is the strait of our dignity and honour." — [Reuters](#)

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President Trump, who rejected Iran's seven-day Hormuz proposal on Saturday, told Axios he expects more talks this week.

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■ [Al Jazeera English: Trump rejects Iran's plan to reopen the Strait of Hormuz in seven days.](#)

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