

TEHRAN -- Iran has agreed to hold a fourth round of nuclear talks with the United States on Sunday in Oman. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Friday, adding that the negotiations are advancing. Iran and the U.S. have already held three rounds of indirect talks, mediated by Oman, on Tehran's nuclear program and the removal of U.S. sanctions. The fourth round had initially been scheduled for May 3 in the Italian capital, but it was postponed due to what Oman described as "technical and logistical" reasons.

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TEHRAN -- The Iranian foreign minister and director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Friday discussed bilateral cooperation on Tehran's peaceful nuclear program. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi held a phone conversation, discussing the latest developments regarding indirect talks between Iran and the U.S.

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## Yemeni Missile Beats THAAD for 2nd Time This Week

SANAA (Dispatches) -- A missile launched from Yemen reached the Israeli-occupied territories on Friday as the American THAAD system failed again, forcing millions to run to shelters. Sirens were sounded across Tel Aviv and more than 200 other places, Israeli media outlets reported. The operation had the Zionist regime scramble to activate its missile systems, including the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system, the regime's Channel 14 reported. The system, however, failed to intercept the missile, according to the channel, marking the second time it has fallen short in the face of Yemeni projectiles this week. Various Israeli outlets reported explosions in eastern Tel Aviv and Occupied Al-Quds, where the THAAD had been activated. Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth said flights at the regime's key Ben Gurion airport were suspended. Yemen's Armed Forces have carried out retaliatory operations

and enforced a naval blockade on Israeli ships and vessels sailing towards the territories since October 2023. On Sunday, they targeted Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv with a hypersonic ballistic missile strike, forcing at least 12 major airlines to cancel their flights. Hebrew media reports indicate that the missile evaded four layers of air defense systems -- including the U.S.-made THAAD and Israel's Arrow systems -- before impact. YAF spokesman Yahya Saree declared that in response to the Israeli escalation with the decision to expand aggressive operations on Gaza, Yemeni forces would impose a comprehensive air blockade on the Israeli enemy by repeatedly targeting airports, most notably Lod Airport, known in Israel as Ben Gurion Airport. Saree said the results of the missile operation were the failure of U.S. and Israeli interceptor systems to intercept the missile, the fleeing of more than 3 million Zionists to shelters, and the complete cessation of airport traffic for more than an hour.

**IRGC Chief Gen. Salami: Iran to Hit Back at Origin of Any Aggression**



IRGC chief Major General Salami speaks during a ceremony marking the first anniversary of the passing away of former President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions in northwest Iran, in Mashhad on Thursday.

TEHRAN -- Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Muhammad Salami said Thursday Iran would strike any point where the enemy uses to act against the country. Gen. Salami's warning during the

unveiling of an IRGC Navy's underground drone hangar on Thursday came amid threats by the U.S. and Israel to target Iran's nuclear energy facilities. "A principle in our defense doctrine is

that from any point where our enemy acts against our interests and goals, we will target and hit that point and any other point where our enemy's interests lie," Gen. Salami said. "Therefore, we declare that any point in any territory that becomes the origin of an invasion will be the target of an invasion for us, meaning that the origin will become a target," he added. Gen. Salami assured Iranians of the country's military capabilities to counter any threat. "Our dear nation should know that we stand with our hands full against our enemies," he said. The underground drone hanger unveiled on Thursday is the latest of similar facilities displayed in recent months against a backdrop of hostile rhetoric from Israel and the U.S., which have threatened Tehran with potential military action over its nuclear program. "What the dear Iranian nation is witnessing today is a small part of the IRGC Navy's enormous drone capability," Gen. Salami said. "The drones at the disposal of this force are the most modern and advanced drone technologies in the world, giving our commanders a free hand for various types of strikes and providing flexibility in planning." On Thursday, Israel's minister of military affairs Israel Katz threatened Iran with 'Gaza-like' action amid an escalation with Yemen which hit Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv (Continued on Page 7)

## Report: Trump Cuts Communication With Netanyahu

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- U.S. President Donald Trump has decided to end communication with Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to Israeli media reports, due to concerns that Netanyahu has been manipulating him. Yanir Cozin, a correspondent for Israeli Army Radio, said on X that Trump made the decision due to suspicions that Netanyahu was attempting to manipulate him. His remarks echoed a report published the same day by Israel Hayom, a newspaper affiliated with the Israeli right, which said there has been a significant breakdown in personal relations and growing mutual disappointment between Trump and Netanyahu. Cozin further noted that

Trump intends to move forward on West Asia issues without waiting for Netanyahu, highlighting a widening gap in the leaders' positions on regional matters. He also referred to a meeting that took place in April between Israel's strategic affairs minister Ron Dermer and senior Republican lawmakers in Washington. During that meeting, Dermer reportedly told them what Trump "ought to do," which angered the U.S. president. According to Cozin, Dermer's actions prompted Trump's inner circle to turn him against Netanyahu. Earlier on Thursday, Israel Hayom quoted sources close to Trump as saying he is "disappointed" with Netanyahu

and plans to proceed with "steps" in West Asia "without waiting for him." The sources added that Trump is particularly interested in decisions that would advance U.S. interests, especially concerning Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf countries. According to Israel Hayom, some of the planned steps are believed to relate to the long-anticipated U.S.-brokered normalization between Israel and Saudi Arabia. The report noted that "Trump believes Netanyahu is stalling on making the necessary decisions. For this reason, the U.S. President is unwilling to wait for Israel to act as expected, and has decided to move forward without him."

## India, Pakistan Exchange Fire as Conflict Spirals

JAMMU, India/ISLAMABAD (Reuters) -- India and Pakistan accused each other of launching drone and artillery attacks overnight into Friday morning, as tourists and villagers fled the third day of the worst fighting between the nuclear-armed neighbors in nearly three decades. Sirens rang out in cities in the conflict's Kashmir flashpoint and beyond and people were told to stay indoors. India's cricket board suspended the IPL - the sport's richest tournament - and the Pakistan Super League moved matches to the UAE. The old foes have been clashing since India struck several areas that it described as "terrorist infrastructure" in Pakistan on Wednesday in retaliation for a deadly attack on Hindu tourists in Indian Kash-

mir last month. Pakistan dismissed Indian accusations that it was involved. Both countries have exchanged cross-border fire and shelling and sent drones and missiles into each other's airspace, alarming world powers who have called for restraint. Around 48 people have been killed since Wednesday, according to casualty estimates on both sides of the border that have not been independently verified. The relationship between India and Pakistan has been fraught with tension since they gained independence from colonial Britain in 1947. The countries have fought three wars, two of them over Kashmir, and clashed many times. India's air force said Pakistan

used Turkish drones to attack 36 locations on India's west and northwest, in Kashmir and further afield in states bordering Pakistan all the way to the edge of the Arabian Sea. India responded with drones on targets in Pakistan and destroyed one air defense system, Indian Air Force officer Vyomika Singh told a media briefing. Singh said Pakistan used commercial flights as "a shield" during the drone attack, by letting airlines operate on its side of the border in a bid to deter or weaken India's response. There was no immediate comment from Pakistan. Pakistan Information Minister Attaullah Tarar dismissed earlier Indian accusations of Pakistani attacks as "baseless" (Continued on Page 7)