

Baghaei: U.S. ‘Cheated’ on MoU Commitments

TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei says there is no paragraph in the Islamabad memorandum of understanding (MoU) that allows the United States to establish an “independent parallel” route in the Strait of Hormuz.

In an interview with prominent social media activist Sulaiman Ahmed published on Saturday, Baghaei said the U.S. “cheated” on its commitments under the Islamabad MoU. “What they [the U.S.] carried out was a violation of their commitments. They forced ships to use an alternative route, effectively bypassing the route coordinated with Iran—which was the safe passage,” he added.

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UK Agency: Maritime Incident Reported Off Oman Coast

LONDON (Dispatches) -- A maritime incident involving a vessel and military forces has been reported approximately 100 miles east of the port city of Duqm off the coast of Oman, according to Britain’s maritime trade operations organization.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UK-MTO), which is part of the British government, issued an alert on Saturday regarding the incident in waters off the Omani coast. The notification provided no further details on the nature of the incident or the vessels involved.

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Leader: U.S. President’s Signature ‘Worthless and Invalid’

TEHRAN – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei said the United States’ repeated violation of the memorandum of understanding signed between the presidents of Iran and the United States has once again demonstrated that “the signature of the U.S. president is worthless and invalid”.

In a message issued on Saturday, Ayatollah Khamenei urged the Iranian nation to preserve unity and warned Washington that Iran and the Axis of Resistance have “unforgettable lessons” for any further aggression.

The Leader thanked the Iranian people, religious authorities, scholars and elites for the nation’s unprecedented participation in the historic funeral procession for the “Martyr of Iran”, referring to his father Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, calling the massive turnout “a new manifestation of the mission and the firm will of the Islamic-Iranian identity.”

The Leader said the simultaneous violation of commitments by the Great Satan has once again exposed the true nature of the United States.

“Simultaneous with this epic,” he said, “the repeated breach of commitments by the Great Satan regarding the memorandum of understanding signed between the presidents of Iran and America once again proved to everyone how worthless and invalid the signature of the American president is, and that bullying, hegemonic ambitions and savagery are inseparable components of the American way.”

He added that, “Today the Great Satan has once again revealed its real face without a mask so that this dark experience of crime and bad faith may become another firm document proving the falsehood, irrationality, unreliability and wickedness of America.”

Warning Washington against further escalation, the Leader said, “Now that the American enemy seeks to ignite more war and bear heavier costs and greater disgrace, it should know that the dear Iranian nation and the Resistance Front have unforgettable lessons for it, of which the bravery of the fighters of Islam and the honor of the courageous people of the southern region have shown examples in recent days.”

The Leader’s message also praised the historic public response to the funeral procession of the martyred Leader, saying the people displayed unprecedented loyalty and insight.

IRGC Rains Fire on U.S. Bases: Jets Destroyed, Troops Killed



This combination of pictures shows impact from Iran’s retaliatory strikes in Jordan, Kuwait and Iraq’s Erbil.

TEHRAN – The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) carried out coordinated missile and drone strikes on U.S. military facilities in Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar on Saturday, as Washington confirmed two American troops were killed in the latest wave of retaliations.

The terrorist U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) confirmed in a statement on Saturday that two U.S. troops were killed in action in Jordan on July 17 during Iranian ballistic missile and drone attacks.

A third terrorist member remains missing, while four others were medically evacuated to hospitals in Jordan and have since been discharged. Personnel evaluated for minor injuries have returned to duty, CENTCOM said. In its 29th official statement, the IRGC Public Relations Department said its Aerospace Force launched the 20th wave of “Nasr 2” operations in response to overnight U.S. attacks against Iran. The operation targeted aircraft shelters and a large aircraft parking ramp at the U.S. military facility in Azraq, eastern Jordan.

The IRGC said the strike resulted in

the destruction of at least two U.S. fighter jets and three additional aircraft, causing significant damage to several others. Media reports said numerous F-16s, F-35s, and refueling aircraft were destroyed or severely damaged in the attack.

The statement addressed the people and armed forces of Jordan, calling on them to play a greater role in confronting terrorist U.S. military presence in the country. It warned that foreign troops operating in Muslim lands are legitimate targets under the religious opinion of Islamic scholars from different schools of thought, urging Jordanians to use “every available means” against U.S. military personnel.

The IRGC said its Ground Force targeted “a concentration point of invading forces” at the U.S. Army’s logistical support center in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, during the 18th wave of Operation Nasr 2, stating that several personnel were killed.

A drone strike destroyed the radar system at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait, the statement said, adding that Iranian forces struck a weapons maintenance hangar and a drone shelter.

The IRGC Navy launched coordinated drone and missile strikes on the U.S. fleet’s fuel support pier at Al Ahmadi Port in Kuwait, a site where U.S. military aircraft were stationed at Sheikh Isa Air Base in Bahrain, and an intelligence data center in Bahrain identified as Batelco, according to separate statements.

The IRGC also destroyed a depot of American unmanned surface vessels (USVs) in Bahrain during the 17th wave of Operation Nasr-2, with many vessels consumed by fire.

Bahrain’s main artificial intelligence center, used by the United States to assist attacks against Iranian territory, was destroyed in strikes involving ballistic missiles and more than a dozen drones.

The IRGC Aerospace Force struck the U.S. Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar during the 15th wave of Operation Nasr-2, destroying a long-range radar system and several strategic aerial refueling tankers, according to Iranian media reports.

The IRGC warned that it would broaden its military response against American

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“Peace, greetings and gratitude to you,” the message said, “who through your unparalleled and historic epic in the unprecedented resurrection of the farewell to the Martyr of Iran established a new standard of the manifestation of the mission and the firm will of the Islamic-Iranian identity in appreciation, loyalty, insight and extraordinary love for the leader of the Islamic Ummah and the martyred Leader of the Revolution.”

He said the “burning hearts, tearful eyes and steadfast resolve” of the tens of millions of mourners stretching for “dozens of kilometers” in Tehran, Qom, Mashhad and other cities and villages have won the admiration of friends of the Iranian nation while leaving its enemies “astonished, confused, enraged and terrified.”

Ayatollah Khamenei described national unity as one of the most fundamental necessities of the current period.

“It is necessary to tell you, the faithful and proud people of Iran, that among the most fundamental matters at this juncture is insistence on unity of word and sacred solidarity at every level among the people and officials and in every arena in order to realize the lofty ideals of the Islamic Revolution and secure the dignity and independence of beloved Iran, particularly in the face of the criminal and deceitful American enemy.”

The Leader recalled his previous repeated warnings regarding social cohesion, saying, “Safeguarding unity and avoiding division, conflict, political disputes and highlighting social differences is the duty of all.”

He stressed that officials as well as “those devoted to the Revolution, Imam and the martyred Leader” carried an even greater responsibility for preserving national cohesion.

Ayatollah Khamenei also urged the public to continue placing confidence in what he called the country’s committed officials.

“Accordingly,” he said, “the dear nation, by continuing to trust the devoted officials in all three branches, whose efforts for the welfare and prosperity of the nation are evident, will remain vigilant and active in the field to safeguard the interests of the Islamic Republic of Iran.”

Addressing criticism of government officials, the Leader acknowledged that some individuals may sincerely voice concerns but cautioned that such criticism must not undermine justice or unity.

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U.S. Hits Desalination Plant, Leaving 10,000 Villagers Without Water

TEHRAN -- Iranian officials on Saturday condemned a U.S. military strike on a desalination plant in southern Iran’s Hormozgan province that has disrupted drinking water supplies to approximately 10,000 people across 20 villages, calling the attack a clear violation of international humanitarian law and a war crime.

Abdolhamid Hamzehpour, CEO of the Hormozgan Water and Wastewater Company, told media on Saturday that U.S. strikes completely destroyed seawater extraction pumps and an electrical power transformer at the Bunji desalination plant in Jask county. The facility had a production capacity

of 3,150 cubic meters per day, providing potable water to villages in the region. “The operational teams of the Hormozgan Water and Wastewater Company are working to provide emergency water supplies to residents while repairing the damaged facilities to restore drinking water service as quickly as possible,” Hamzehpour said. Energy Minister Abbas Aliabadi said the attack contradicts humanitarian principles and international legal standards, explicitly violating the Geneva Conventions and their additional protocols.

“Targeting desalination facilities that supply drinking water to thousands

of innocent people constitutes a clear example of a war crime and a crime against humanity,” he was quoted as saying by the Energy Ministry’s website.

Saturday’s strike on the Bunji plant is not an isolated incident. Iranian officials have documented a pattern of U.S. attacks on water infrastructure that predates the current escalation. In early June, U.S. airstrikes damaged two water reservoirs in Sirik district, also in Hormozgan province, cutting off water to approximately 20,000 residents across ten villages.

Hamzehpour, who also oversees the provincial water company, confirmed

at the time that the two tanks with a combined capacity of 2.5 million liters were struck by missiles, taking both facilities out of service. The attack came as temperatures in the region hovered between 45 and 50 degrees Celsius, making living conditions “extremely difficult and precarious” for affected residents.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei shared video footage of the damaged reservoirs, stating: “This was not an unintentional loss, but a deliberate crime and a blatant violation of human rights and international humanitarian law”.

The attack on the Bunji plant is part of a

broader pattern of U.S. strikes targeting civilian infrastructure across Iran. U.S. strikes for seven consecutive nights have hit transportation infrastructure including bridges, roads, and the Bandar Abbas railway station, disrupting rail services and commercial activity.

A bridge collapse caused a civilian vehicle to fall, killing seven people and injuring nine others. A separate strike in a residential neighborhood of Bandar Abbas killed one civilian and wounded eight more.

Iran’s Health Ministry said 50 people have been martyred and more than 500 injured in U.S. attacks across the country

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