

Iran Reimposes Control over Hormuz as Qalibaf Dismisses US Claims

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Lieutenant Colonel Ebrahim Zolfaghari, spokesperson for Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters. (Photo: video grab)

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Iran reimposes full control over Hormuz after accusing the US of piracy, as Trump signals progress but threatens renewed war.

Key Developments

- Iran restores full control over Strait of Hormuz, limiting maritime access.
- Tehran accuses the US of “piracy” and violating commitments.
- Trump claims progress with Iran but threatens return to war.

Iran Reasserts Control over Hormuz

Iran announced the re-tightening of control over the Strait of Hormuz, returning the situation to what it described as its previous operational state.

According to the spokesman for the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, the strategic waterway remains under the direct management of the Iranian Armed Forces and subject to strict oversight.

The spokesman said Tehran had initially allowed limited passage of commercial vessels as a gesture of “good faith” during negotiations, but reversed that decision after accusing the United States of continuing acts of “piracy” under the guise of a blockade.

He stressed that maritime access will remain restricted until Washington guarantees the free movement of vessels to and from Iran.

Iranian officials made clear that any easing of restrictions in the Strait depends on changes in US actions.

The Khatam al-Anbiya spokesman stated that stabilizing navigation in Hormuz is conditional on ending American obstruction of Iranian shipping.

He added that Iran will maintain strict control over the waterway as long as these conditions persist.

Trump Signals Progress, Issues Threats

US President Donald Trump said he had received “good news” regarding Iran, suggesting that negotiations may be moving forward.

“We had some pretty good news (...), but it seems to be going very well in the Middle East with Iran,” Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One on Friday, according to Reuters news agency.

At the same time, he warned that the ceasefire may not be extended beyond next week if no agreement is reached, adding that the US blockade on Iranian ports will remain in place.

Trump further threatened a return to military escalation, stating: “Maybe I won’t extend it. So, you have a blockade, and unfortunately we’ll have to start dropping bombs again,” he said.

Qalibaf Rejects US Narrative

Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf dismissed Trump’s statements, describing them as false and disconnected from reality.

“They did not win the war with these lies, and they will certainly not get anywhere in negotiations either,” he said.

Qalibaf emphasized that control over the Strait of Hormuz is determined “on the ground, not on social media,” adding that transit will occur only under Iranian conditions and authorization.

He also warned that as long as the blockade continues, the Strait will not remain fully open.

The developments come within the framework of a temporary ceasefire brokered on April 8 following weeks of war that began on February 28.

Despite ongoing indirect contacts and mediation efforts, no agreement has been reached, and both sides continue to signal readiness for escalation.