

Iran, US hold fresh nuclear talks as enrichment concerns grow

AFP, MUSCAT, OMAN: Iran and the United States kicked off the fourth round of nuclear talks in Oman Sunday amid a standoff over uranium enrichment, with Tehran calling it "non-negotiable", while Washington has described it as a "red line".

The negotiations follow earlier rounds that began nearly a month ago, marking the highest-level contact between the two foes since Washington withdrew in 2018 from a landmark nuclear deal, during President Donald Trump's first term.

"Enrichment capability is one of the honours and achievements of the Iranian nation," said Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi in a video before departing to Muscat, adding that the issue was "non-negotiable".

"We had more consultations in Tehran this morning and in this round we hope to reach a decisive point," he added.

Iran's ISNA news agency later confirmed that "indirect" talks between the two sides had begun.

The latest round of negotiations came amid a flurry of diplomatic activity in the region, with Trump heading to the Gulf for his first major foreign tour next week, after Araghchi was in Saudi Arabia and Qatar this weekend.

Both sides have reported progress after previous rounds.

But there have been some delays and disagreements over Iran's right to enrich uranium, with a US envoy calling it a "red line".

Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei

said that negotiators would push for relief from US sanctions during the meeting.

"Red line" - Yousuf Al Bulushi, chairman of the Muscat Policy Council think tank, said that the two sides "haven't reached a breakthrough yet and this will take quite some time but I'm optimistic".

The fourth round was initially set to take place on May 3 but had been rescheduled, with mediator Oman citing "logistical reasons".

Western countries, including the US, have long accused Iran of seeking to acquire nuclear weapons, a claim Tehran has consistently denied, insisting that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes.

Iran currently enriches uranium to 60 percent purity - far above the 3.67-percent limit set in the 2015 deal with Washington and other world powers, but below the 90 percent needed for weapons-grade material.

US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff, who has led Washington's delegation, said in a Friday interview that Iran's "enrichment facilities have to be dismantled".

"That's our red line. No enrichment," he told US right-wing outlet Breitbart News, after initially suggesting flexibility on Tehran maintaining low-level enrichment of uranium for civilian purposes.

Witkoff said that if the talks "are not productive... they won't continue and we'll have to take a different route".

Another Israeli strike late Friday hit a warehouse belonging to UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, in the northern area of Jabaliya. Four people were killed, according to the Indonesian Hospital, where bodies were taken.

AP video showed fires burning in the shattered building. The warehouse was empty after being hit and raided multiple times during Israeli ground offensives against Hamas fighters over the past year, said residents including Hamza Mohamed.

Israel's military said nine soldiers were lightly wounded Friday night by an explosive device while searching Gaza City's Shijaiyah neighbourhood. It said they were evacuated to a hospital in Israel.

Israel resumed its bombardment in Gaza on March 18, shattering a two-month ceasefire with Hamas. Ground troops have seized more than half the territory and have been conducting raids and searching parts of northern Gaza and the southernmost city of Rafah. Large parts of both areas have been flattened by months of Israeli operations.

Under Israel's blockade, charity kitchens are virtually the only source of food left in Gaza, but dozens have shut down in recent days as food supplies run out. Aid groups say more closures are imminent.

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **IDA** on Tuesday, 13th May, 2025 (tomorrow) at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao at 8.30 a.m., followed by prayers at the grave, offered by her sorrowful husband Agnelo Pinheiro, children and family.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Floods in Congo kill over 100:

AFP, BUKAVU, DR CONGO: Raging floods rushing through a village during the night killed more than 100 people, many of them children as they slept, in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, local officials told AFP on Saturday.

The floods were sparked by torrential rains and ripped through the Kasaba village in the Sud Kivu province during the night of Thursday-Friday, Bernard Akili, a regional official, told AFP.

Torrential rains caused the Kasaba river to burst its banks overnight, with the rushing waters "carrying everything in their path, large stones, large trees and mud, before razing the houses on the edge of the lake," he said.

US-China delegations' tariff talks end inconclusively, to resume on Sunday

AP, GENEVA: Sensitive talks between US and Chinese delegations over tariffs that threaten to upend the global economy ended after a day of prolonged negotiations and will resume Sunday, an official told The Associated Press.

There was no immediate indication whether progress was made Saturday during the meeting over 10 hours between Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng.

The official who spoke to the AP requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks, which could help stabilize world markets roiled by the US-China standoff.

The talks have been shrouded in secrecy and neither side made comments to reporters on the

way out. Several convoys of black vehicles left the residence of the Swiss ambassador to the UN in Geneva, which hosted the talks aimed at

de-escalating trade tensions between the world's two biggest economies. Diplomats from both sides also confirmed that the talks took place.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

APOLINA DIAS
CONDY QUEPEM
BORN: 23.07.1934 DIED: 11.05.2025

Wife of late Gonzago Dias, Mother/mother-in-law Antonieta/late Gonzago, late Caitano/Remediana, Grand children & Great Grand children.

The funeral cortege will leave her residence (today) on Monday 12.05.2025 at 3.15 pm to the Holy cross Church, Quepem for the Eucharistic celebration at 3.30 pm followed by the burial.

Israeli airstrikes kill 23 in Gaza as outcry over aid blockade grows

AP, DEIR AL-BALAH (GAZA CITY): Israeli airstrikes overnight and into Saturday killed at least 23 Palestinians in Gaza, including three children and their parents whose tent was bombed in Gaza City, health officials said.

The bombardment continued as international warnings grow over Israeli plans to control aid distribution in Gaza as Israel's blockade on the territory of over 2 million people is in its third month.

The UN and aid groups have rejected Israel's aid distribution moves, including a plan from a group of American security contractors, ex-military officers and humanitarian aid officials calling itself the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.

Among the 23 bodies brought to hospitals over the past 24 hours were those of the family of five whose tent was struck in Gaza City's Sabra district, Gaza's Health Ministry

DEATH

Cecilia Philomena D'Costa
(Saicovaddo - Cavellossim)
Wife of late Joseph D'Costa.
Daughter of late Pedro Mario Dias & Hilarina Dias.
Loving mother/mother-in-law of Clifford D'Costa & Romeo D'Costa/Shanita D'Costa.
Sister/sister-in-law Flora/late Simon, late Anthony, late Agnel/Teodoro, Menino/Rosy & Mary.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence TODAY, 12th May 2025 at 3:45 pm to Holy Cross Church, Cavellossim, for the Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

RELATIVES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION

LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
-Luke 23:43

REDUALDO MINGUEL FERNANDES
~ EX GOVERNMENT PRINTING PRESS ~
PROPRIETOR OF ANTHONY TRADERS & ANTHONY ENTERPRISES
- UBO DANDHO, SANTA CRUZ -

Son of late Simao Fernandes and late Magdalena Dias.
Husband of Eliza Gonsalves. (Ex Employee Goa Co-op marketing Federation)
Father/father-in-law of Mona Lisa/Edwin and Anthony/Saroj Lugia.
Brother/brother-in-law of Sinfaroza Olinda/ late Fernando, Dionisio Arnaldo, John (Bablash)/ Anastazia, Antoineta/ late Casimiro.
Son-in-law of late Pascoal Gonsalves/ late Angelica Araujo.
Brother-in-law of late Rocky/ late Maria, Mary/ late Gregorio, late Helena/ late Remedio, Adriana/ late Christopher, late Andrew/ late Connie.
Grandfather of Kimberley, Aaron, Alrich and Alrica.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Tuesday, 13th May 2025 (Tomorrow) to Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz for Eucharistic Celebration at 9:30 a.m. followed by burial.

Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

REUNITED WITH THE LORD

CONSTANTINO AMBROSIO VAS
- Ex Directorate of Accounts -
Novo Bazar, Macazana / Alto Betim, Porvorim -Goa

Beloved Husband of Mrs S. J. Mariana Dourado.
Loving Father/father-in-law Malika/Ryan Noronha (Exim Transtrade, Mumbai) Kristprakashini (Excise Department)/ late Bruno Rodrigues (GEDC) and Cristo / Melissa (UK).

Son of late Cristovam Vas / late Ana Rita Dias ; Son-in-law of late Francis Xavier Dourado / late Lilian Gomes (Quepem).
Adorable Grandfather of Kreesha, Clayton, Jothem and Jenelle.
Godfather of Constantino, late Wilma Furtado, Maria Fernandes and Dr. Connie D'Silva.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence from 'Casa Mariana' Alto - Betim, Porvorim Bardez at 3:45 pm on Monday, 12th May 2025 (today) to Holy Family Church Alto - Porvorim Bardez - Goa for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
HONORATO JOSE D'SILVA
Costa Vaddo, Majorda

You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. Although we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Honorato D'Silva, at 8.00 am, on Tuesday, (Tomorrow), 13th May 2025, at Mother of God Church, Majorda, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by his Wife: Arlinda D'Silva; Children: Shahina/Charles, Sanito/Vellena; Grandchildren: Aaron, Adonia, Adele and Nathan.

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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In ever-loving memory of

THEMISTOCLES (THEMIS) DAMASCENO JOAQUIM D'SILVA
-: Arossim / North Carolina (U.S.A) :-

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved THEMISTOCLES (THEMIS) D'SILVA on Tuesday, 13th May 2025 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, Cansaulim. Offered by his sorrowful family.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Cherished memory of

Nina Maria Dias Barreto
-: VELSÃO :-

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved NINA at 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 13th May 2025 at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Velsao, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful children, grandchildren and family.

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3 years with the Lord
In loving memory of

Rev. Fr. Nevel L. S. Gracias
(Naik Caeiros, Velim)

Death ends a life, but not a bond. It's only memories, that will help us hold on.

Without him, celebrations, in our homes are incomplete. Brother your spirit continues to inspire us. He is deeply missed. Forever loved and fondly remembered by his sorrowful family

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved brother FR. NEVEL GRACIAS on Tuesday 13th May, 2025 at 4:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Velim followed by prayer and blessings at the grave.

Priests, Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.