

US forces ready to resume combat ops when ordered

Pentagon warns of devastating response to Iran's attacks on ships

TEHRAN/DUBAI

US forces are ready to resume combat operations against Iran if ordered, Washington's top military officer said Tuesday...



A cargo ship sits at anchor in the Strait of Hormuz off Bandar Abbas, Iran, on Tuesday even as US-Iran talks are stuck in a

The warnings came after Iran's powerful chief negotiator said Tehran "had not even started yet" in the crucial trade route...

who has become a prominent figure in peace talks, said the status quo was "intolerable for America."

The trading of fire in the waterway where the rivals are vying for control with dueling maritime blockades took place after US President Donald Trump announced a plan to guide ships out of the Gulf.



US Central Command "and the rest of the joint force remain ready to resume major combat operations against Iran if ordered to do so," General Dan Caine told reporters.

"No adversary should mistake our current restraint with a lack of resolve," Iran's parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf,

The war, which erupted more than two months ago with US-Israeli strikes on Iran, has spread throughout the Middle East and roiled the global economy, impacting hundreds of millions worldwide despite a weeks-long ceasefire.

the US and its allies had put shipping security at risk, but said their "malign presence will diminish" with Tehran vowing not to surrender control of the Hormuz Strait.

Iran denied any of its combat ships had been hit in US attacks but accused Washington of killing five civilian passengers on boats.

The UAE called Iranian missile and drone attacks including one on an energy facility in Fujairah "a dangerous escalation and an unacceptable transgression"...

Prez Zelensky slams Russia as strikes kill 5

KYIV

RUSSIAN drone and missile strikes targeting Ukraine's power grid during the night killed at least five people and wounded 39 others, Ukrainian authorities said Tuesday...

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy rebuked Moscow for what he said was its "utter cynicism" in launching the attacks after Russia announced a unilateral ceasefire over two days later this week...

"Nazi Germany's defeat in World War II. "Russia could cease fire at any moment, and this would stop the war and our responses," Zelenskyy said in a post on X.

The proposal to stop fighting follows a familiar pattern of Russia declaring short unilateral ceasefires during the war timed to various holidays, most recently Orthodox Easter.

Those suspensions of combat don't produce any tangible results amid deep mistrust between Moscow and Kyiv more than four years after Russia launched an all-out invasion of its neighbor.

The Russian Defense Ministry declared a unilateral ceasefire in Ukraine, but said it would strike back at the country, if it tries to disrupt the festivities.

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